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● Sean Lane (right) playing for the Victorian all-stars, gets the best of Socceroo Zarko Odsakov in the big charity match at Middle Park late last year.

Lane the new Kosmina



● Socceroo captain John Kosmina — will he make way for Preston Makedonia striker Sean Lane?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Sean Lane is set to embark on a Socceroo career after being granted permanent residency last week and Makedonia will use the visa vacancy created to bring 25-year-old English defender or midfielder Martin Woodall to Australia.

Lane was delighted with the news, although he will need to be naturalised before being able to play in full internationals.

"It's vitally important for me. I wouldn't have stood a chance of getting into the national team without my permanent residency so I'm over the moon about it."

Lane, 22, has played with Derby County and Hereford in England and is in stunning form this season, his third with Makedonia. Frank Arkok knows

that and could turn to Lane to fill the boots of veteran Socceroo striker John Kosmina. Makedonia coach Bill Murray is well aware of Lane's outstanding credentials.

"Sean always wanted to play in a central striking role in our team and he's proving just how well suited he is to that position. He's very, very skilful on the ball, he's got a terrific change of pace, he can shoot and his crossing is superb — in short, he's got a real bag of skills that not too many strikers have. And he's very aggressive," said Murray.

Apparently Woodall also is aggressive. He played for Gola League team Kidderminster against Wrexham in last Saturday's Welsh Cup final. Kidderminster knocked out Shrewsbury, Swansea and Hereford on its path to the final and its leading striker Kim Casey, who has scored 63 goals this season, is being sought by

West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City, which have put in \$200,000 bids for him.

Woodall is a former team mate of Makedonia striker Steve Smith and Murray and Kidderminster manager Graham Allner recently agreed on a transfer fee for him. Makedonia will release that figure shortly.

Makedonia also welcomes back striker Warren Spink this week so it will boast one of the strongest squads in Australian soccer.

Spink recently finished a four-month stint with Luton Town, highlighted by a hat-trick he notched against Southampton in a reserves game. Luton manager David Pleat was impressed with Spink but has an abundance of strikers at present. However, Pleat wants to see more of the former Australian youth international so Spink will return to Luton in August.

The fans cry out for three points a win



LES MURRAY

perate, and more cautious, I almost can guarantee that the 1986 average will be the lowest ever.

That takes care of the "goals" argument which is by no means the most important in the three-points-for-a-win debate.

Sam Papasavas misses the point. What such encouragements do, and have done for the English Football League, is open up the championship making it infinitely less predictable and of course more exciting.

It is what gave the NSL its most memorable climax in 1983.

In 1983 after round 10 it was unlikely Newcastle which was leading the chase. Then Preston Makedonia took over and was perched at the top for 15 rounds. After round 26 it was Sydney City, Hakoah, then St George for another two weeks.

After the second last round, Makedonia took over again. With one match to play the top five looked like this:

Preston	52 points
St George	52
Sydney City	51
South Melb.	51
Newcastle	49

Of that lot, Newcastle had the best goal difference so any

one of those five teams could have won it.

On the request of the clubs, the NSL had to mobilise strict policing of the game kick-off times, ensuring that all kicked off at the same time.

It certainly was a thriller and the final top five looked like this:

St George	55
Sydney City	54
Preston	52
South Melb.	52
Newcastle	49

But of course the most infuriating thing about the claim that the system "didn't work" is that it wasn't done away with because it didn't work.

The death-blow to the system was delivered at the briefest of meetings of the Council of Clubs at the Southern Cross Hotel in Melbourne late in 1983.

It was several hours before the lavish awards presentations at which Prime Minis-

ter Hawke told us what an important game soccer was and how much the Federal Government was going to help it along.

The meeting was held behind closed doors and, I remember, before the waiting journalists had a chance to pour themselves a cup of coffee in the adjoining room, the meeting was over and the three-points system had been thrown out without debate.

Of course, we all knew why it was thrown out, — because there were sufficient clubs, scared out of their pants by relegation, that preferred the two-points system, calculating that a gallon of dull draws in the ensuing season would ensure their survival.

Of course the fans, the people, to whom all the clubs and to whom Sam Papasavas ultimately are responsible, were not consulted.

Until more recently when SBS took a viewers' poll and found they preferred the three-points system by 16 to one.

Need I remind Sam that of all the people involved with soccer — players, coaches, referees, journalists, administrators — it is only the fans who pay. They deserve to be listened to for once.

Dutch, Germans to tour?

An ambitious international tournament is planned here next January or February.

It is expected to feature the Dutch Olympic team, Hamburg SV of West Germany and perhaps a South American team, all playing against the Socceroo.

Meanwhile, Australia plays three games against Czechoslovakia in August, two against New Zealand in October and probably three against China in November. A game against Japan may also be played on the way to China.



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Frank Arok asked for his phone number last week and Vedran Rozic asked Tony Vrzina about him. Dennis Morovic's goal-scoring exploits have filtered through to Sydney's coaching elite yet Morovic thinks that he's a better fullback than a striker!

"I honestly think that I could play in the National League as a defender. Just let's say that State league centre-halves are a different breed from National League centre-halves," said the 25 year old St Albans Dinamo striker, leading scorer in the Victorian State League.

"I couldn't believe the room I was given against Croydon and Caulfield this season. I'm damn sure that if I had been marking a guy who had been scoring regularly, I wouldn't have given him an inch."

And that's how Morovic burst into senior soccer — as a defender.

Which makes him all the more attractive a proposition to St. George and Sydney Croatia. Not only could he play up front and play well but he also could fill in at the back if needed.

No doubt Melbourne Croatia will have a few nibbles too, as soon as it hears of the interest up north that Morovic has stimulated, but it will be wasting its time.

"I'll never play for Melbourne Croatia again," said Morovic.

I was there for a year and a half and never got two or three first team games in a row in which to get my confidence up and get a chance to establish myself. Frankly I don't think that the coach at the time, John Gardiner, thought much of me and when I eventually left I got the impression that Croatia didn't consider me any great loss.

"Croatia doesn't give young Croatian kids much of a go."

Perhaps the trouble Morovic had in joining Melbourne Croatia in 1982 was a portent of the problems he'd encounter in establishing himself there. His club, Sunshine, slapped \$8,000 on his head when it learned of his intention to join Croatia. Morovic threatened to take legal action and the wrangle that ensued (which also entailed going to the VSF's appeals board) kept him out of the game until just before the June 30 transfer deadline. He eventually was transferred to Croatia for \$3,000 but by then the team was settled with Ante Bilaver entrenched in the left back spot in which Morovic had made his mark with Sunshine.

The following season, Morovic

started the final year of his Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in mathematics.

"It was really hard to combine training and studies but I would have done it had I seen some chance of getting into the first team. When it became clear that I wasn't going to be given that chance I quit soccer to concentrate on my studies. I came back to Croatia early in 1984 when Terry Hennessy was coach but by then George Hannah had established himself in the left back spot and there wasn't much chance of me breaking into the first team. That's why I switched to St Albans Dinamo.

Few could have predicted the success that move would bring. Fewer still saw a future for Morovic as a striker.

Billy Vojtek, Pero Kasalo, Joe Spoljar and finally Vrzina took turns at coaching Dinamo



St Albans Dinamo striker Dennis Morovic (left) about to be challenged by Fawkner stopper Cesare Fattore.

St. George, Sydney Croatia on the trail of Morovic

as the club struggled to establish itself in State League.

It was halfway through the 1984 season, under Kasalo, that Dinamo started having problems with striker John Bruno, who had missed a few training sessions. Kasalo decided, in desperation, to use Morovic up front. Morovic scored in that game and the next and the next. Had he found a new position?

He'd answered that question after eight games of the 1985 State League season when he had scored eight goals.

"That's always been my target as a striker — a goal a game."

Vrzina took over as coach when Dinamo played Ring-

wood Wilhelmina last year and Morovic injured an ankle in that game. He was out of action for 10 weeks and when he came back he found it hard to adapt to the change in the team's playing style.

"My main problem was getting used to playing through the middle rather than going wide and getting the ball. I still didn't class myself as a good centre forward. I had a half decent shot I suppose and I was alright in the air but I didn't think that I had the know-how or the skill for the position.

"Then again, I've always been my worst critic."

Obviously, judging by the impact he's already made this season.

"I've improved this year. That's thanks to Tony Vrzina and to playing a lot of games up front. Tony's made me more aggressive and that's been a big help.

"The whole attitude of the club is different. The guys are a hell of a lot more confident now. We go out expecting to win. New guys like Mark Wilson, Kevin Lloyd and Robert Krajacic have a lot to do with that. Mark's added a lot of bite to the side. Kevin's doing a hell of a lot of running up front and he's the best player in our side at shielding the ball and holding it up until we can support him while Robert went back to sweep for after the second league game and we've only

conceded two goals since, which says it all."

It looks like the future of Morovic and Dinamo is rosy, doesn't it?

Not so. For Morovic at least. Early this year he told the club of his plans to go to Europe on holiday. He's hell bent on enjoying a European summer which unfortunately for Dinamo, falls smack dab in the middle of the season. Morovic is booked to fly out of Australia on July 4 and Dinamo is trying hard to get him to change his mind. Perhaps Arok and Rozic would be more persuasive.

"What do I do? I never in my wildest dreams thought that people like Frank Arok or Vedran Rozic would take me seriously as a player but when these guys show interest in you, you sit up and take notice. They're not exactly small cookies, you know."

We know. "If I go to Europe I might pass up the chance of getting a crack at the National League. If I don't go to Europe now I might never go. I haven't a clue about what to do."

Keep scoring goals Dennis and take your chance of playing National League soccer when you can. At least you won't end up wondering what could have been.

Socceroo training squad

The squad for the Melbourne camp in June is: P. Wade, A. Zinni (Brunswick Juventus); V. Belic, T. Karic (Footscray); A. Postegoglou, G. McDowall, A. Hunter (South Melbourne); S. Lane, P. Trainandes (Preston); J. Stewart, R. Stewart, D. Wright (Brisbane Lions); S. Gojevic (Melbourne Croatia); N. Flounders, S. Melta, S. Maxwell, W. McNally (Adelaide City); R. Dunn, A. Scott (Hellas).

Gojevic — I can do Crino's job

"All I want is a chance. I was in the squad last year but I didn't get a game. I was there to soak up the atmosphere and train with the best players in the country and I loved it. I didn't feel out of my depth and if Frank Arok wants me to fight for every ball, chase back and give 100 percent effort, I'll do it."

So says Melbourne Croatia captain Steve Gojevic, who is relishing the prospect of attending a Socceroo training camp in Melbourne on June 18 and 19.

Let's hope that the orthopaedic surgeon he's seeing this week will enable a fully fit Gojevic to be at that camp.

Gojevic was in stunning form earlier this year until running into a Roger Bain tackle in the semi-final of the Buffalo Cup against George Cross.

Gojevic couldn't train the next week yet played in the Croatia side which won the final against Heidelberg. The following week, he again couldn't train and even though he was in pain he played against Sydney Croatia in the Ansett Challenge Shield match at Olympic Park.

He finally decided to seek medical advice and to his astonishment found that he had a broken ankle. Getting over that complaint has dulled the star that shone so brightly for the young midfield maestro but if confidence is a yardstick of recovery, Gojevic will come back bigger and better than ever.

"I feel really confident about my ability now. I had lost a bit of enthusiasm at Croatia last year but when the club made me captain I responded in a very positive way. And my coach Miron Bleiberg gave me a freer role in midfield which is something I always wanted."

"You can make me charge up and down the park if you want and you can make me put in wild tackles if you like but I don't think that you'd be using me properly. I've used primarily in a creative role this year but I still get back, I still do my bit."

Gojevic admits that the demands of Bleiberg and Arok are different but the greater physical demands of the national coach are well within his scope.

"To be perfectly honest, Frank Arok's style is vastly different from Miron Bleiberg's."

Gojevic's background suggests that he's a quick learner. He joined Melbourne Croatia as an 11 year old, scored 103 league and cup goals in the under 13s, made his senior debut as a substitute against Sunshine in an Ampol Cup match when he was just 14 and has been a regular in the seniors for the past five seasons. He's already distinguished himself as a state representative, albeit at junior level. He was leading scorer at the national under 13 and under 14 titles and also was voted Player of the Tournament at the under 14 titles in Whyalla, an award sponsored by a local radio station.

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— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Steve Gojevic

ferent from Miron Bleiberg's. Frank wants more than 100 percent effort, he wants players with huge hearts, players who fight every inch of the way. I'm not used like that at Croatia. I like using the ball and trying to set up chances for the front men but I've got no doubts that I can adapt to Frank's style.

"I didn't have any problems at Socceroo training last year. You'd beat a guy like Steve O'Connor and suddenly John Kosmina is on top of you, giving you an elbow here, an elbow there and if you can't take it you soon get found out."

"Actually I think that the physical side of my game has improved a lot in the past couple of years. Now I'm riding tackles that would have sent me to hospital back then."

Maybe, just maybe, Oscar Crino will sign with a Greek First Division club shortly as predicted for some time in Melbourne's Greek press). If so, Arok may have trouble getting Crino released for the games against Czechoslovakia and New Zealand later this year which means that he'll be looking for a replacement.

"Okay, Oscar Crino's a better player than me but I think that I could do his job. Don't get me wrong, I've still got a lot to learn and I don't try and hide that, but I'm prepared to learn."

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'Stubby' Karic hits the heights

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"The best stubby-holders around," is the way Tom Karic puts it. "They're washable, foldable, you can put them in your pocket, and we sell them all over Australia. He's a good salesman as well."

Karic, 21 is a disciple of Footscray JUST junior coach Pepe Dugino who died early this year. So too are Oscar Crino, Vlatko Belic, Ossi Latif, Suleiman Curovic, Marino Oblak, Steve Dimovski of Western Suburbs and Vlado Stojcicki of Polonia.

Dugino preached the continental style — ball control, keeping the ball on the ground. That's why Karic knocked back the chance to play for his regional representative team as a 15-year-old. "They played completely differently. I didn't like the coaching at all. Half our JUST team went down to regional training at first, and then one by one we stayed home."

His attitude to Frank Arok and the Soccerroos is a lot different, of course. He and JUST teammate Vlatko Belic both are delighted to have been chosen for the training camp in Melbourne in June.

"People around the club have been congratulating me all week, and my parents haven't stopped talking about it," Karic said. "It's only the first step and there's a long way to go if I'm going to make it, but I'll try my hardest."

The Australian team has been excellent under Frank Arok. It hasn't played the old British style of soccer. Rather, it's been very attractive — especially in the return game against Scotland last year.

Arok's recognition of Karic and Belic has been looking closely at Vlado Bozinski as well as a further tribute to Footscray JUST's sensational surge under coach Dragoslav Sekularac.

"It's all been due to the coach," says

Karic. "He's brought in discipline like we've never had before. For example, if you're late for training, it costs you \$25, and lots of players have copied it. "Seki stressed from day one that if there was any yelling to be done about players, he'd do it and no-one else. There's no back-biting out on the field. If you make a mistake, you forget it, and so does everyone else in the team."

"We make space so well because we're so fit. Before, we were able to do it for, say, 15 minutes. Now we can do it for the whole game. And where as you'd make a 10-yard run before, you now make a 10-yard run, so there's space being created all over the place."

"The club committee has contributed too, by buying some very good players, like Vlado Bozinski who's excellent at passing the ball to the feet of the forwards, and Vlado Stosic who can hold it really well, and Curovic who's getting fitter all the time and who's got all the skill in the world."

The high level of fitness is the result of training six and seven days a week for six weeks after Soccerroo arrived from Yugoslavia. Now JUST trains on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

"Training is always enjoyable because Seki varies it all the time. Some say that we'll get jaded, but with Seki there's no chance of that."

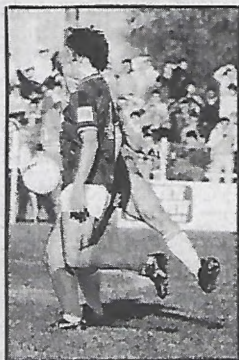
It's worth watching JUST's training sessions when Seki decided to play. "Everyone tries to take the ball off him, which is very hard," Karic says. "He's magic with the ball, and when it comes to shooting for goal, he's one of the best in the team. He takes shots at the goalkeepers for about half an hour at the end of each session."

Talking about goalkeepers, Karic paid tribute to Zoran Nikitovic, the former Partizan Belgrade custodian. "He's pulled off some excellent saves. We might not be as high up the ladder were it not for him. But then, everyone

By LAURIE SCHWAB



● THE Footscray JUST team in which Tom Karic started his senior career, back row: Karic, Jim Tansey, Tony Caban, Vlatko Belic, Garry McDowall, Dennis Boland, Graham Tuttil, Front: Jamie Paton, Suleiman Curovic, Joe Carroll, Zdravko Lujic, Dragan Lacmanovic, Brian O'Donnell.



● Tom Karic in action

in the team has done his bit," Karic said.

Karic's first senior game was under the then coach, Bobby McLachlan, against Newcastle in 1983. "I had to mark Mick Channon. He was a bit old but he didn't score against me, so I was happy with that," Karic says. He had four games that season, and became a more regular member of the team the following year.

Karic was born in Melbourne and started playing with JUST at the age of 4½. Dugino used him mostly as a centre half throughout his junior career, and Karic also was team captain. When Footscray JUST's reserve team played in the Victorian Second Divi-

sion, Karic played in midfield and sometimes at full back.

He has a hell of a shot when he decides to use it. I remember one match against Green Gully at Madeonia's ground, when he launched five or six thunderbolts which goalkeeper Lou Denys saved so well that he was voted man of the match.

Against George Cross, it was a surge forward by Karic that eventually resulted in a goal scored by Zdravko Lujic. But defence is Karic's main concern at the moment. "Maybe once we've established ourselves a little better, I'll have a bit more freedom to go forward and try a few shots. But for the time being, we have to play it safe," he says.

"I learned a lot from playing alongside Garry McDowall. He would time his runs to perfection. Our present sweeper, Vojislav Vukcevic, also is a big help. He's got loads of experience. I can go in full bore, knowing that if I miss, he'll be there to clean up behind me," Karic, however does not miss!

About that disastrous 1-7 loss to Adelaide Juventus in the second round, he says: "I think we were a bit cocky after winning our first game. Also, Vukcevic had an injury during the game, and four of us, including myself, had stomach complaints from something we'd eaten at a hotel before the game."

Finally, how far can Footscray JUST go? "I think we can win the league — providing we don't have a real bad run with injuries." What a fairytale story that would be for a club which previously had failed to finish higher than eighth since the NSL started in 1977!

Voeller fires up Germany

Rudi Voeller scored twice within three minutes to lead West Germany to a 3-1 victory over the Netherlands in its last warm-up match before travelling to Mexico for the World Cup.

Voeller, playing his second international following a groin injury that had sidelined him for five months, scored in the 39th and 42nd minute.

Voeller proved he was reaching top form and served notice he would be one of his team's pillars in Mexico.

West Germany travelled to Mexico on Monday, to face a tough group in the preliminary round. Its rivals are Denmark, Uruguay and Scotland.

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Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Wright (Lions), 5 Ogden (Lions), 4 Hunter (Lions), 3 J Stewart (Lions), 2 Liddell (Lions), 1 Jackson (Lions).
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Sawd 17th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Estavillo 7) at the Sydney Athletic field. Crowd 8641.
HAKOAH: McPherson 5 — Gomez 7, O'Connor 7, Robertson (Rodrigues 26th), Hooker 7 — Watson 6, Barnes 7, De Marigny 9 — Saad 8, Farina 8, Lee 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson.

OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Rogers 7 (Patulis 63rd), Coady 7, Dakos 7, Phillips 6 — Johnston 7, Raskopoulos 7, Estavillo 8, Soper 8, Stevenson 5 (Stankovic 7th), Kalantzis 6. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

Top six for Ametco award: 6 De Marigny (H), 5 Estavillo (O), 4 Farina, 3 Saad (Both H), 2 Johnston (O), 1 Lee (H).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2400.
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McKelvie 8, Shillabeer 8, Nyskhus 8, Flounders 8, Higgins 6 (Tobin 78th) — Melia 6, Santrac 8, Villani 7, Vidmar 5 — Mullen 7, Maxwell 6. Coach: Zoran Matic.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 8 — Campelj 7, Parton 8, Richardson 7, James 8 — Faulkner 8, McLaren 8, Bain 7, Mitten 6 — Lennon 6 (J. Markovski 78th), Glider 7. Coach: John Gardiner.

Best six for Ametco Travel Award: 6 McLaren (GC), 5 Santrac (AC), 4 Faulkner (GC), 3 Flounders (AC), 2 Parton (GC), 1 Shillabeer (AC).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Tapi 63rd) ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd 2490.

NSL DETAILS

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Nikotic 7 — Barjaktarevic 7, Vukovic 8, Karic 7, Petrovski 7 — Stolic 9, Bozovski 7, Curovic 7 (Sicic 86th), Tapi 9 — Latif 8, Lujic 7. Coach: Dragoslav Sekulac.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 8 — Brown 7, Yankos 7, Dunn 6, Scott 8 — Hristodoulou 7, Honeymann 8, Panagis 7, Price 7 (Manou 85th) — Ward 5, Konstantopoulos 6. Coach: Edmund Kretz.

Best six for Ametco Travel player of the year award: 6 Tapi (JUST), 5 Stolic (JUST), 4 Latif (JUST), 2 Honeymann (AH), 1 Scott (AH).

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 4 (Junna, Phillips, Mihailidis, Gibson) APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Butler) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 746.

CANBERRA: Franken 7 — Dunn 7, Cant 7, Burke 7, Bryant 8 — Sermanni 7 (Mazis 64th), Mihailidis 8, Hamilton 7 — Gibson 9 (Fernandez 88th), Junna 7, Phillips 8. Coach: Steve Bryant.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano 6 — Brown 7, Steven 7, Bertongna 7, Brown 7 — Hristovski 6 (Dounis 60th), Silva 6 (Stewart 45th), 6 Butler 7, Lorens 6 — Boran 8, Koussas 6. Coach: Rala Rasic.

Best six for Ametco Travel Award: 6 Gibson (C), 5 Phillips (C), 4 Baran (APIA), 3 Mihailidis (C), 2 Bryant (C), 1 Sermanni (C).

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE 5 (Pettas 62nd, Ambrosino O.G. 68th, Thannidis 62nd and 87th, Zrilic 89th) INTER MONARO 0 at Arlington Oval. Crowd: 885.

CANTERBURY: Barker 6 — Akoutas 6, Hanotits 7, Radman 7, Hantzis 7 — Burin 6, Godzik 6, Borges 6 (Klivan 6th), Pettas 6 (Urbani 75th), Zrilic 8, Thannidis 7. Coach: Dom Kapetanovic.

INTER MONARO: Hostowski 6 — Walsh 5, Tulewka 6, Tulas 6, Sagant 6 — Wotrowski 5 (D Addario 81st), Carbone 7, Ambrosino 5 — Trajanovski 5, Giampolo 6 (Perinovic 89th), Winn 5. Coach: Frank MacCormac.

Best six for Ametco Travel Award: 6 Zrilic (C), 5 Thannidis (C), 4 Carbone (B), 3 Hanotits (C), 2 Hantzis (C), 1 Radman (C).

MARCONI 1 (Gunning 88th) NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD 1 (Heap 40th) at Marconi stadium. Referee: Roger Doonan 8.

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 7, Wheatley 8 (Henderson 75th), Mason 6 — Rizzotto 8 — Gray 6, Tredinnick 7, Sterrey 7, Janin 7 — Lowe 8, Brown 7.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling 9 — Meier 7, Bannon 6, Jones 7, Nisovski 7 — Senkalski 7, Cavanagh 8, Crabtree 5 — Ingham 8, Milosevic 7 (78th Garland), Heap 7.

Best six for the Ametco award: 6 Gosling (N), 5 Wheatley (N), 4 Rizzotto (M), 3 Cavanagh (N), 2 Lowe (M), 1 Ingham (N).

BLACKTOWN 1 (Sandy 90th) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Porter 65th) at the Gabbin Stadium. Crowd: 1230.

BLACKTOWN: Curtis 8 — Willis 8, Macleod 7, Denyer 7, Northam 7 — Byrne 5, Bradley 8, Knight 8 — Slater 8, Carroll 5, Sandy 8. Coach: Casey De Bruin.

ST GEORGE: Gibson 8 — Steel 5, Ratcliffe 7, Lambropoulos 8, R. O'Shea 7 — Porter 7, Orsag 5, J. O'Shea 7 — Petkovski 6, Fletcher 5 (McKie 70th), Ollenschaw 7 (Ricoy 73rd). Coach: Frank Arok.

Best six: Slater (B), 5 Skeen (StG), 4 Curtis (B), 3 Knight (B), 2 Lambropoulos (StG), 1 Gibson (StG).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (E. Campbell 71st) at Connor Reserve. Attendance: 4000 (estimate).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Trainees 7 — Roodhouse 5, Ogasins 6, Dobson 7, Ioski 5 — R. Campbell 5 (Necovski 70th), Cole 6, Petrov 5 (van Egmond 72nd), Heys 6 — Smith 5, Lane 6. Coach: Bill Murray.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Banovic 7 — Lewis 7, Brown 7, Venzendorf 8, E. Campbell 7 (Montemurro 82nd), Wade 7, Cullen 7, Durakovic 8 — Patterson 9, Palatidis 8. Coach: Len McKendry.

Best players for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Patterson (BJ), 5 Durakovic (BJ), 4 Venzendorf (BJ), 3 Palatidis (BJ), 2 E Campbell (BJ), 1 Dobson (PM).

HEIDELBERG 3 (G. Alexander 1 (Lucchesi 46th) GREEN GULLY 1 (Cumming 87th) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 2200.

HEIDELBERG: Over 8 — McKie 6, Hunter 7, Seledis 8, Marley 7 — Kanesio 8, Anglie 6, Kanesio 8, Toulis 8 — Lucchesi 7, Deligianis 7 (Wilson 81st). Coach: Brian Garvey.

GREEN GULLY: Deny 7 — Vizzini 5 (Reynolds 58th), McLellan 6, Cannell 8, Hoggan 7 — Cumming 8, Fraser 7, Flavell 7, Douglas 7 — Ward 7, Lewis 6. Coach: George Murray.

Best six for Ametco Travel best player award: 6 Over (H), 5 Cumming (GG), 4 Seledis (H), 3 Toulis (H), 2 Cannell (GG), 1 Valentine (H).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Crairie 28th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: About 4000.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 8, Blair 8, McDowall 8, Postecoglou 9 — Tastos 6, Miranda 7, Davidson 8, Crairie 8 — Egan 6, Middlematt 8. Coach: John Margaritis.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 7 — Deankovic 7, McIntosh 7, Curcio 7, Hannah 8 — Biskic 8, Redmond 7, Campbell 5, Cristaldo 6 (Lubic 49th), 5 — Markovac 6, Todoric 5 (Bonacic 70th). Coach: Miron Bleiberg.

Best six for Ametco Travel award: 6 Postecoglou (SMH), 5 Russell (SMH), 4 Hannah (MC), 3 Crairie (SMH), 2 Davidson (SMH), 1 McDowall (SMH).

Croatia, Heidelberg in turmoil

Melbourne Croatia and coach Miron Bleiberg were expected to part company last night (Tuesday) less than a week after Brian Garvey announced his resignation from Heidelberg-Alexander.

Coaches to lose their jobs this year are Gordon Arrowsmith (Brisbane Lions), Roy Thompson (Canberra Olympic) and Neil McCahey (Adelaide Hellas).
Croatia's loss to SM-Hellas



● Bleiberg



● Garvey

APIA out

St. George Budapest and Melbourne Croatia have replaced George Cross and APIA in the NSL "top 14."

The 14 teams for the 1987 NSL will be chosen according to a formula which awards points for past performance, placing this year and crowd support. Here are the points totals so far (crowd figures used are not official):

- 88.5 Syd. Croatia
- 77.1 Syd City Hakoah
- 76.9 Syd Olympic
- 74.2 B'wick-Juventus
- 71.8 SM-Hellas
- 70.5 Wollongong
- 70.5 Foots JUST
- 69.3 Marconia
- 68.3 Makedonia
- 66.6 Adel.C-Juventus
- 62.6 H'berg-Alexander
- 49.9 Blacktown
- 48.3 St.Geo.Budapest
- 47.1 Melb Croatia
- 45.3 Sun.Geo.Cross
- 43.9 Brish. Lions
- 43.7 C'bury-M'ville
- 36.6 APIA-L'hardt
- 36.0 Adel.Hellas
- 34.2 Green Gully
- 31.2 News-Rosebud
- 27.0 C'berra-Olympians
- 24.6 Inter-Monaro
- 23.3 Brisbane City

By LAURIE SCHWAB

last Sunday was its fourth in five games.

Croatia was interested in appointing Garvey, but Garvey, who has quit Heidelberg because he feels the team is not responding to him the way it should, is likely to go to Mexico for the World Cup finals.

So too will Pat Bannon, the Melbourne-Hungaria coach. Heidelberg was interested in appointing as Garvey's successor.

Croatia's problem is deciding on a successor to Bleiberg. Midfielder Luka Bonacic is favored by some fans but not by some players.

Brunswick-Juventus, whose defence has not been cracked in six successive matches, will retain John Dowie and perhaps Andrew Zinni and Joe Sweeney as it continues its bid for league leadership against Heidelberg-Alexander at Olympic Park No.2 ground on Sunday.

Juventus is due to meet league leader Footscray J.U.S.T. at Schintler Reserve the following week in a game that pits one of the league's strongest defences against the most attack-minded side in the competition.

But meanwhile, Juventus has to break down the excellent Heidelberg back-line of Ian McKie, Alan Hunter, Theo Seledis and Steve Marley, backed up by Jeff Oliver, one of the finest goalkeepers in Australian soccer history.

New striker Paul Wilson, from Frickley in England's Gola League, may be in Heidelberg's starting line-up, and

Clauze Lucchesi will be at his most lethal after scoring against his former club, Green Gully, last week.

The Gully takes on J.U.S.T. at St. Albans and its recent results have created worry in the J.U.S.T. camp. J.U.S.T. sweeper Vojislav Vukevic, who may be suspended after being shown the yellow card against Adelaide Hellas, has a high opinion of Green Gully strikers Danny Ward and Paul Lewis.

"If we do not watch them closely, they could beat us," he said. Vukevic also has praise for Steve McLellan, the Gully defender.

If Vukevic is suspended, Vlatko Belic, who didn't play last weekend, will take over as sweeper. If Vukevic does play, Belic will come into the midfield, or he will take a full back position.

Weekend Olympic Airways NSW matches, with likely winners in capitals

SOUTHERN DIVISION SUNDAY
Brunswick Juventus v Heidelberg-Alexander (draw) at Olympic Park No 2, 3 pm.
Green Gully v FOOTSCRAY JUST at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm.

ADELAIDE HELLAS v Brisbane Lions at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm.
Brisbane City v Adelaide City Juventus at Spencer Park, 3 pm.
Sunshine-George Cross v South Melbourne Hellas (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v Melbourne Croatia, Connor Reserve, 3 pm.

NORTHERN DIVISION SATURDAY
Blacktown v Newcastle-Rosebud (draw) at Gabbin Stadium, 3 pm.

SUNDAY
APIA-Leichhardt v Wollongong (draw) at Lambert Park, 3 pm.
Sydney Croatia v Marconi (draw) at Croatten Sports Centre, 3 pm.

St George Budapest v Canterbury-Marrickville (draw) at St George Stadium, 3 pm.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Canterbury Olympians at Pratten Park, 3 pm.

Inter-Monaro v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Seiffert Oval, 3 pm.

In the Northern Division, league leader Wollongong, with Ray Vileitstra, Saul Rivero and Robert Giraldi in fine form, may have to settle for a draw with APIA, which will be fiercely competitive to compensate for its embarrassing thrashing by Canberra last weekend. Janusz Baran and Edward Lorens, the two Polish imports, are yet to show their best form. If they do this week, Wollongong is in trouble.

The NSL power brokers were confident that both Wollongong and fifth-placed Blacktown would fall by the wayside in the scramble to qualify for the reduced, 14-club NSL next season. The purpose of the reduced league is to concentrate the clubs with the most spectators in one competition. Blacktown and Wollongong, as far as the NSL big boys are concerned, are the proverbial flies in the ointment, although it must be said that Wollongong's crowd support is picking up by the week.

Sydney Croatia, beaten by Wollongong last Sunday, can be at all confident of victory against Marconi, although the latter has not lived up to expectations so far this season.

If Wollongong falters against APIA, Sydney Olympic should take over at the top by beating Canberra Olympians at home. Adelaide Juventus coach

Zoran Matic paid tribute to George Cross after their scoreless draw in Adelaide, saying: "We came up against a team today that had the best defence we've played against this season."

That defence should be further strengthened by the return of Chris Taylor against South Melbourne. Hellas at Chaplin Reserve in a game that could well give George Cross yet another draw. In fact, George Cross probably will amass more draws than any other team in the league.

Melbourne Croatia meets Makedonia, which is determined to make up for successive losses to Hellas and Juventus. Makedonia looks the better side.

Canterbury Marrickville has come back from the dead since the signing of Zaimi Burin and Petar Zrilic from Yugoslavia and Bernie Godzik from Wollongong.

"The three players have lifted the team and we played excellent football against Inter-Monaro," said Canterbury coach Dom Kapetanovic, referring to the 5-0 victory last Sunday.

St George Budapest won't be an easy opponent by any means, but sheer desperation — the clubs wants to be in the 14-team league next year — could give Canterbury a draw.

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SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FOOTSCRAY JUST	5	1	1	11	12	11
B'WICK-JUVENTUS	4	2	1	12	1	10
ADEL CITY JUVENTUS	3	3	1	12	6	9
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	3	2	2	9	5	8
STH MELB HELLAS	4	0	3	8	6	8
Sun George Cross	2	4	1	6	5	8
H'berg-Alexander	2	3	2	7	7	7
Brisbane Lions	2	3	6	7	6	5
Green Gully	1	3	6	7	5	5
Adelaide Hellas	2	0	5	11	4	4
Melbourne Croatia	1	2	4	3	9	4
Brisbane City	1	2	4	7	19	4

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WOLLONGONG	5	1	1	10	4	11
SYD OLYMPIC	3	4	1	17	8	10
SYD CROATIA	4	1	2	11	6	9
MARCONI	4	1	2	9	8	9
BLACKTOWN	4	1	2	8	9	9
Syd City Hakoah	2	3	2	13	11	7
St Geo Budapest	2	3	2	8	7	7
Canterbury-M'ville	2	2	3	9	10	6
New-Rosebud	1	4	2	7	16	6
C'berra Olympians	1	2	4	7	9	5
APIA-L'hardt	2	1	4	7	21	5
Inter-Monaro	0	7	4	21	0	0

AMETCO AWARD

● Ametco Travel will award to the best player of the NSL a trip to Europe, flying Thai International.

- 26 — Wheatley (MarC).
- 24 — Franken (Can).
- 23 — Dobson (Mak).
- 21 — Seledis (H), Postecoglou (SMH).
- 20 — Estavillo (SO).
- 19 — Fraser (GC), Wade (B.JuVe).
- 18 — Karic (JUST), Flounders (AC-JuVe), Slater (B), Bertongna (APIA).
- 16 — McIntosh (M.Cr), Honeymann (AH), Hantzis (CM), Gosling (NR), Arnold (S.Cr).
- 15 — Carbone (IM), Murray (W), deMarigny (SC-Hak), Rozic (SC-Hak).
- 14 — Stolic (JUST), D. Hunter (BL), Cumming (GG), Scott (AH), Raskopoulos (SO), Bradley (APIA), Lowe (MarC), Gomez (SC-Hak).
- 13 — Tapi, Latif (JUST), Zrilic (CM), Odrakov (S.Cr).
- 12 — J. Stewart (BL), McLoughlin (AH), Lane (Mak), A. Hunter (H), Mullen (AC-JuVe), Dowie (B.JuVe), Davidson (SMH), Soper (SO), Carter (MarC), Kosmina (SC-Hak), Cavanagh (NR).
- 11 — Ogden (BL), Hannah (M.Cr), Kastner (SGC), Maxwell, Santrac (AC-JuVe), Crairie (SMH), Kalantzis (SO), Thannidis (CM), Steven, Butler (APIA), A. Ambrosino (IM), Ratcliffe (S.G).



● Mitre Sports, the company which for so long has supported Australian soccer, now has cemented its association with "Soccer Action" by sponsoring the 1986 NSL Top Scorer award.

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Leading scorers

- 7 — Kosmina (Hak)
- 5 — Maxwell (A.JuVe)

Team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week.

GREEN (1) (Wollongong)	RUSSELL (1) (SM-Hellas)	POSTECGLOU (3) (SM-Hellas)
OGDEN (2) (Brisb Lions)	STOLIC (1) (Foots JUST)	TAPI (2) (Foots JUST)
WRIGHT (1) (Brisb Lions)	GIBSON (1) (Canberra)	PATTERSON (1) (B.Juventus)

STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
South Melb	5	2	0	20	7	12
Sunshine GX	5	1	2	18	21	11
Melb: Croatia	4	2	1	20	10	10
Brighton	4	1	2	14	6	9
Preston	1	5	0	10	5	8
Heidelberg	3	2	1	15	14	8
B'wick	3	1	3	8	7	7
Green Gully	1	3	3	5	9	5
Nuna City	1	3	9	17	5	5
Fton Pines	2	1	4	11	23	5
Footscray	2	0	5	10	15	4
Fawknr	0	0	7	2	41	0

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- 4. The date of the game.
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Richard Marchetti, five goals, Daimon Brunton (Doncaster Rovers), Steve Mangos, five goals, Con Koniaras (Heidelberg Alexander), Steven Vespovic, six goals, Tommy Dugandzic, four goals (North Geelong), Adam Greene, Brett McIntyre (Warrnambool City), Steven Spiroslaki (Green Gully), Neil Cooper, Kevin Docherty, Nathan Marsh, David Price, Jason Day, four goals (Karrist United).

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- 14. D. Hunter

Cumming saves Green Gully

Ken Kontra



**Heidelberg 1
Green Gully 1**

Venue: Olympic Village
Crowd: 2200
Referee: Evan Venios

Heidelberg is reluctant to part with a coach who has done so much for the club, and one official confidently predicted that it is "99%" certain that Brian Garvey will stay. On the other hand, Garvey was equally adamant that he is looking for new challenges and is definitely leaving.

I am certain that this capable coach will have no difficulty in lining up another position in the NSL.

The doubt about his coach did not appear to have an adverse effect on Heidelberg, particularly in the first half. It contained Green Gully despite

**Man of the match:
JEFF OLVER
(Heidelberg)**

playing against a strong wind. With Peter Tsolakis and Claude Lucchesi combining well up front, supported by Mike Valentine and John Kanesoulis, the home team created several chances, but was unable to deliver the final touch.

Green Gully was restricted to about 10 minutes of supremacy around the 30-minute mark, forcing three consecutive corners, and Danny Ward and Paul Lewis testing Olver with shots from inside the goal area. Olver blocked the first and tipped the other over the bar, but Heidelberg should have taken the lead in the 41st minute following a delightful passage of play.

Tsolakis passed to Kanesoulis who knocked the ball to Joe Angele. With his back to the goal Angele laid it back for Valentine whose first-time shot was just wide: good one-touch stuff all the way.

A minute into the second half, Heidelberg took the lead when Nick Deligiannis found Lucchesi unmarked inside the penalty area. Lucchesi squeezed his shot under the diving body of Lou Denys and at this stage, it looked like Heidelberg all the way.

In the 58th minute, coach George Murray made an important substitution. He replaced the struggling Joe Vizzini with Peter Reynolds, David Hogben switched to the right and Steve Douglas went to left back. With Reynolds playing wide on the right, Tommy Cumming switched to the left of the attack aware from Tsolakis and Steve Marley found a lot more space to operate in.

With three minutes of normal time remaining, Cumming received a pass from Douglas and after skinning Ian McKie, placed his shot into the back of the net from an acute angle.

A minute later, Cumming nearly made it two, but Olver pulled off a brilliant save to deny the diminutive striker.



● Gary Ward of Adelaide Hellas shields the ball from man-of-the-match Ernie Tapai at Schintler Reserve.

'Provincials' give Croatia a lesson

**Wollongong 1
Syd Croatia 0**

Scorer: Giraldi 65th.
Venue: Wollongong Showground.
Crowd: 5968.
Referee: Reb Davis 9.
Caution: Gaffney (W).

What's the secret of Wollongong's success, we asked coach John Fleming. "We're very well organised, fit, competitive and disciplined," he said.

"We've got a lot of team spirit, and I guess teams take us for granted a little bit. Our side includes eight local lads who realise the importance of their task. For them, every game is a Cup final."

He criticised SBS - TV for showing the Sydney-Hakoah - Sydney Olympic match in its "Match of the Day" programme last Sunday, while Wollongong was meeting Sydney Croatia. "The media regards us as no more than a minor provincial club, even though we're top of the ladder," he said.

The team everyone was tipping for extinction with the NSL Super League to be introduced next season, overcame a shaky start to give Croatia a soccer lesson in the second half.

Before a crowd of 5968 Wollongong showed a lot more penetration than its big name opponent and always appeared more composed after taking the lead.

The turning point seemed to come early in the second half

**Man of the match:
DAVID GREEN
(Wollongong)**

after Croatia held a slight advantage in the first 45 minutes.

In quick succession Wollongong strikers Robert Giraldi and Peter Kotanidis forced last-ditch saves from Croatia goalkeeper Steve Watson as the home team took over.

Croatia was forced to defend and it didn't do it very well. It looked decidedly brittle at times as Wollongong took a firm hold on the midfield with Saul Rivero and Willie Murray combining well.

A goal had to come and it did in surprising fashion after 65 minutes.

Croatia's Marijan Kovacic cleared the ball straight to the head of Murray who nodded it back goalwards. This left Robert Giraldi with only Watson to beat and he chipped the ball perfectly over the head of the advancing keeper into the net.



● Joe Vizzini of Green Gully barges past Heidelberg's Peter Tsolakis. Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO



● ADELAIDE HELLAS, from left, standing: Allan Scott, Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, Martyn Crook, Graham Honeyman, Lou Hristodoulou, Gary Ward. Front: Brian McLaughlin, Gary Price, John Panagis, Tim Brown, George Konstantopoulos, Chris Manou. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

Hellas still smiling, Hancar for JUST

Laurie Schwab



**Foots JUST 1
Adel Hellas 0**
Scorer: Ernie Tapai 63rd.
Venue: Schintler Reserve.
Crowd: 2490

"We will still finish in the top five," Adelaide Hellas president Frank Karagiannis said in defeat. "It doesn't matter what it takes. If we have to buy five more players, we will do so. Our performance in the first half was very good, especially in defence."

J.U.S.T. coach Dragoslav Sekularac was hoping to sign defender Slavko Hancar from Beograd this week, and still awaits the arrival of guest star Vladimir Petrovic.

Gary Ward had Hellas's best scoring chance, in the 28th minute, when, unmarked, he met a cross from Alan Scott and headed it downwards, hoping to beat goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic with the bounce. Instead, the bounce favored Nikitovic.

Gary Price, alone in the middle on a pass from Honeyman, had the space to run into the area and try a shot but instead, he played it square and the chance was lost.

Tapai, who ran non-stop throughout the match, made his way into the box with a one-two but just as he was about to shoot, he was slide-tackled by Price.

Stolic played a free ball into space for Lujic in the 40th minute, and Lujic's cross was struck just past the post by Latif.

Eleven minutes after half time, Petrovski broke the Hellas offside trap on the left, and passed square to Latif who stretched for the ball and touched it past Crook, but it bounced off the bottom of the far post. Then came the winning goal. Lujic and Bozinovski built up play on the right, Tapai took over and slammed a brilliant left-footed shot over Crook, just under the crossbar from outside the area.

Seconds later Bozinovski put the ball into the net, but it was disallowed over a foul on a Hellas player.

Hellas striker George Konstantopoulos, trying to score, accidentally connected with

**Man of the match:
ERNIE TAPAI
(Foots JUST)**

Nikitovic's face. Play was held up while Nikitovic received first-aid treatment.

A few minutes after resumption, play was stopped again because Nikitovic was still groggy. Vukcevic and masseur Joe Savona both signalled to the bench that Nikitovic would have to be replaced, meaning a field player would have had to go into goal. But Nikitovic soldiered on after all.

Following a corner in the 75th minute, Latif headed down at the near post, but Crook made another excellent reflex save.

Nikitovic, still groggy, twice defended the ball from corners. The first time Ward's shot was deflected across goal, and then Tim Brown blasted over the bar.

Tapai stayed down after a tackle by Charlie Yankos, but referee Dennis Voutsinas failed to stop play until quite a few minutes later.

Lowe's magic touch



Alex Vesic

**Marconi 1
Newcastle 1**

Venue: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 1,652
Referee: R. Doenau 8
Cautions: Jones, Cavanagh, Crabtree (N), Tredinnick (M)

Scorers: Heap 40th, Gunning 88th.
Marconi got out of jail with an 88th minute goal by Geoff Gunning. It was the third time in as many weeks that Marconi had failed in attack and only a magic touch by David Lowe close to the end saved the day.

In fairness one must admit that chances were created by Marconi and the only ingredient missing was that final tap into the net, so shooting practice will be ordered by Les Scheinflug.

**Man of the match:
CLINT GOSLING
(Newc-Rosebud)**

Clint Gosling made it harder for Marconi with goalkeeping that drew applause from the crowd. His effort in bringing down a shot from Ian Gray was superb and his bravery in coming out to smother a shot in the 28th showed the character of a great keeper.

To add to Marconi's woes the woodwork also got in the way. Gray hit the foot of the post when faced with an open goal, then the same thing happened to Lowe.

And while Craig Mason was bewildered at the bravery of Gosling and the crowd trite about missed opportunities, Newcastle plugged away to go ahead after 40 minutes. Sean Ingham touched a through ball on for Stewart Heap and the new signing from Tranmere Rovers beat James in the race for the ball to score.

Soon after half time Lowe found the foot of the post to suggest that the second half

would be just as frustrating as the first for the home side.

Eduardo Janin, Marconi's signing from Argentina, showed some neat touches but is still a far cry from what is expected from this fine player. It is expected that Marconi's second signing from Argentina, Osvaldo Ruben El All will arrive sometime next week and the way things are going one could only wish he had arrived sooner.

For this new player is a STRIKER!

Back to the game. When all seemed lost for Marconi, Lowe produced a touch of magic to provide the spade work for Gunning to score. He sidestepped his opponent to create space before cutting a cross into the area for Gunning to do the rest.

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England 3-0
LOS ANGELES — England beat Mexico 3-0 in a friendly match between the two World Cup teams at the Los Angeles Coliseum.
Scorers: England — Mark Hateley (22nd minute and 30th minute) and Peter Beardsley (37th minute).
Attendance: 60,000.

Denmark 1-0

● COPENHAGEN — Denmark defeated Poland 1-0 in the last of its four World Cup warm-up matches.

After a lacklustre and scoreless first half, Jesper Olsen set up star striker Preben Elkjaer who put the ball past Poland's keeper Jozef Mlynarczyk.



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Patterson cuts loose



• Scott Patterson

Makedonia 0 B. Juventus 1

Scorer: E. Campbell 71st pen.
Venue: Connor Reserve
Referee: Sam Zornias
Cautions: Cole, Palatsidis, Patterson

While Footscray JUST and Makedonia have been attracting attention with their early pace-setting, Brunswick Juventus' steady climb up the table has gone largely unnoticed.

That seems to suit Juve, which has gained stability and credibility under the leadership of Joe Caruso who in his short time in soccer seems to have learned many quick lessons especially in the art of drawing unnecessary pressure away from his players.

Juve stayed in the box seat,



Peter Desira

one point behind JUST, after Sunday's away win, achieved despite the absence of Joe Sweeney, Andrew Zinn and John Dowie.

And Fab Incantalupo and Mike Petersen have long-term injuries which everybody seems to be overlooking.

Calling Juve a patched-up side may be showing a lack of respect to the likes of Mehmet Durakovic, Joe Palatsidis, David Vesnaver and especially Scott Patterson who grabbed this game by the throat.

Vesnaver, normally a central defender, gave a good account of himself in an unaccustomed role as a wide midfielder, Durakovic on the other side of midfield outshone his more experienced opponents and Palatsidis turned out to be an excellent foil for Patterson.

Patterson had the measure of Makedonia's backline and ran riot after the break. In the end it was an injustice that he did not get on the scoresheet and that the game had to be decided with a penalty.

In the 79th minute he sent over a cross from the left which Palatsidis headed past

Man of the match:
SCOTT PATTERSON
(Juventus)

the keeper but onto the cross-bar, and in the dying stages his hard running provided Durakovic with another shot at goal which went narrowly wide.

Palatsidis earned the penalty in the 76th minute, getting a pass from Vesnaver and running into the box only to be brought down by George Petrov.

Eddie Campbell strolled up to take the spotkick, sending Traianedes the wrong way.

Makedonia coach Bill Murray made two substitutions, sending on Mile Necovski for Ron Campbell immediately before the penalty, and replacing Petrov with Nick van Egmond before the restart once Campbell had converted.

All Makedonia could muster from its 45 minutes of playing with the wind were two scoring attempts, by Sean Lane.

For Juve, Palatsidis got to the bye line and sent over a cross for John Yzendorra who however didn't connect cleanly and headed wide.

McKendry paid special credit to Patterson.

"He really won the game for us. He had an excellent game and really starting going at defenders after half-time. He was unlucky with that shot in the first minute of the second half — he's going to be a great asset for the club," McKendry said.

Makedonia coach Bill Murray said: "We played well in the first half and Sean Lane should have scored. I felt the game was beginning to open up in the second half but the penalty finished it."



• Roger Bain (left) of George Cross, tackles Gary Higgins of Adelaide Juventus. Picture: FRANK HOBBS

Brave McNally soldiers on

Allan Crisp

Adel. Juventus 0 Geo. Cross 0

Venue: Olympic Sports Field

Crowd: 2400

It was like watching a television repeat. The first Adelaide release of the Sunshine George Cross show was back on Sunday, March 30 on the Hindmarsh Stadium channel.

That time, Cross beat Adelaide Hellas 2-1 by employing a disciplined defence which frustrated the opposition attack. Last Sunday, Cross was back to its old tricks — employing a disciplined defence and frustrating, this time, Adelaide Juventus on the Kensington frequency.

However, the scenario was not quite the same. This time Chris Taylor and Bobby Toal were missing, replaced by John Campbell and Jeff Faulkner, but the change of cast

made no discernible difference.

The audience too was very similar, as it included a large contingent of Victorians who took the long trek from Melbourne to SA to wave their red and white flags.

George Cross coach John Gardiner was pleased to earn an away point, while Juventus boss Zoran Matic said his team's failure to win would mean an entirely different approach for this week's game.

"We set a target before the season of winning at home and drawing away," Matic said. "We won our first two home games (7-1 over Footscray and 1-0 over SM-Hellas) but this failure to win means we will have to go for a win over Brisbane City in Brisbane on Sunday."

Juventus started in unlucky vein when goalkeeper Willie McNally dislocated his right thumb in the 15th minute. With no reserve goalkeeper on the bench, the only solution if McNally could not continue, would have been to place captain Bugsy Nyskohus in Brisbane on Sunday.

Nyskohus has come to his team's rescue in this capacity in the past, but McNally bravely remained on the field and kept his slate clean.

Meanwhile, Mark Lennon did his level best to repeat the two-goal effort he unleashed against Hellas on March 30, but McNally, Nyskohus, Neville Flounders, Paul Shillabeer and Gary Higgins proved equally as stubborn as the George Cross backmen.

With much of the play restricted to the midfield, Don McLaren and Adrian Santrac had ample opportunity to parade their skills and it was the former who narrowly took the honors on the bleak wintry afternoon.

Shaun Parton worked with great zeal to bottle up the middle of the Cross defence with Steve Richardson, while Tyrone James and John Campbell added their support.

Man of the match:
IAN GIBSON
(Canberra)

Peter Windsor

of chances noticeable from start to finish.

APIA scored with its first attack after but three minutes.

Baran did the lead-up work to cross from the right for the ball to be shot and only parried by 'keeper Tony Franken. It took a fortuitous bounce to the toe of midfielder Terry Butler to knock in the easiest of close-range chances.

Canberra then brought the crowd to life with its best attacking spell of the season. It produced three great goals in just 11 minutes.

Man of the match Ian Gibson blasted an indirect free-kick into the defensive wall and hard-working youngster Ray Juna gathered the loose ball to light it across the centre to striker Hilton Phillips.

Phillips tried a sizzling shot that bobbed into the air and it was finally Juna who was on hand to head the ball into the roof of the net.

The 11th minute brought the goal of the game. Striker Phillips, from 28 metres, looked up and hammered in a shot that had hit the net almost before keeper Pezzano had begun his dive.

In the 17th minute Phillips took the ball to the deadball line before squeezing in a cross that midfielder John Mihailidis headed home.

For APIA, Louis Dounis blasted over the bar with the goal at his mercy and Mark Koussas, with a surprise snap shot, hit the outside of the post.

Ian Gibson completed the scoring with a fine individual goal.

Canberra's young defender Jason Dunn put Gibson away with a long clearance. Gibson was tackled hard by a defender, yet when on the deck managed to still turn and get in a shot with his right foot to place it just wide of Pezzano's searching fingers.



Ricky Rosso

But a hammering like this for City had been on the cards for weeks.

There is no midfield guidance in the team, the defence is slow and flat. Striker Kieran Cooper offers the only glimmer of hope.

Danny Wright celebrated his Socceroo squad inclusion with a performance which stamped him as a class striker and it certainly will be difficult for Lions to hang on to him next year.

John Ogden was a dynamo of energy in the midfield and David Hunter showed once again he has the potential to be a better player than his older brother, Alan.

Lions got off to a dream start when the ball was in the back of the City net after just 52 seconds, courtesy of Clark Anderson who toe-poked it in.

Two brilliant goals in two minutes from Wright sealed the issue. Both were setup by superb balls from John and Russell Stewart. Each time Wright ran onto the pass and

Man of the match:
DANNY WRIGHT
(Lions)

used his skill and speed to beat the defence.

But it was Wright's third that looked the most spectacular. Ogden played a low cross to the near post and Wright dived to head in.

A great cross from Morton set up Lions' next effort as Adolfo, Salvatore erred under the pressure and drove an unstoppable shot into his own net.

Lions eased a little at 5-0 which allowed City to score when Dean Milosevic put away a Phil White shot which had hit the upright.

But Lions restored their five goal margin in the final minute with a brilliant individualistic goal from young Hunter, playing at fullback. Noting that the flat defence was playing for offside he carried the ball through himself. He was tripped at the last minute but regained his footing in time to round Cox and slot into the net.

Canberra goal-drought broken

Canberra 4 APIA 1

Venue: Bruce Stadium, Ref: Neil Murray, Canberra, 6. Crowd 756.

Scorers: Juna, Phillips, Mihailidis, Gibson (C), Butler (APIA).

Canberra, with only three goals in the previous six rounds, finally found its touch again in this game.

Incredibly Canberra's dwindling goal-starved fans saw four goals in the first 17 minutes.



It was a lack of final finishing after creative lead-up work that proved APIA's undoing — but certainly coach Rale Rasic has an outstanding signing in Polish import Janusz Baran.

He had an outstanding game, his worth as a creator

\$50,000 WHIP-AROUND

Leading members of Canberra's Greek community this week raised \$50,000 for the Canberra Olympians NSL team.

The \$50,000 whip-around took place at a meeting of members of Downer Olympic, the main financial backer of the Canberra Olympians.

Olympians board member Charles Price said: "The licensed club promised \$120,000 for soccer in 1986 but poor club training has not made it possible to pay the money up front, although \$25,000 of it was paid at the start of the season."

"This latest amount gives us a bit of leeway because we know we will get the balance of the \$120,000 next financial year."

Canberra Olympians are one of the few NSL clubs currently in the black.

Terry Byrne, a name synonymous with Canberra since the infancy of the NSL, has finally resolved his differences with the club and made a return at Youth League level on Sunday.

And it was Byrne who knocked in both of Canberra's goals in a 2-2 draw with APIA's youth team.

Byrne will now share the coaching duties with skipper and player coach, Steve Bryant, vowing that he'll be ready for national league soccer in a fortnight. — PETER WINDSOR.

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Brisb Lions 6 Brisb City 1

Scorers: Anderson 1st, Wright 32nd, 34th and 71st, own goal Salvatore 74th, Hunter 90th (BL); Milosevic (BC) 84th.

Venue: Richlands.

Referee: Alan Kibbler 9.

Cautions: B. R. Stewart, B.C. Salvatore.

Alan Niven, who had played his last home game before retiring to take up a coaching position in Bundaberg, was beaming as he sang along with his team-mates. He had bowed out on a record derby score.

But next door, Jim Hermiston was near tears as he struggled to find an answer for his team's heartless showing.

While Lions officials and players were predicting they are on their way to the top of the table and a place in the 1987 NSL, City fans began realising their club now faces the real prospect of a return to the Queensland competition.

Despite the record NSL defeat, City directors refused to panic. Speculation to Hermiston's future was rife. Some even suggested a resignation.

City president Sam Pappalardo said: "This is not our first defeat, nor will it be our last. It is just one game, not the end of the world. We are still only two points behind Lions."



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SM-Hellas 1
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Scorer: Craine 28th.
Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: About 4,000.
Referee: Stewart Mellings

"My conscience is clear. I did everything I could do tactically today," said a despondent Miron Bleiberg after Croatia's loss to Hellas. Bleiberg met with the Melbourne Croatia committee last Monday and was expected to be replaced as coach. Luka Bonacic almost certainly would take over if the post were offered to him and a group of fans want him to do

the job. Another group wants former Croatia coach Terry Hennessy to be retained and yet another group favors Brian Garvey.

Bleiberg is well aware that coaches are hired to be fired and he can walk away believing he's done the best he could. It's no secret that Bleiberg wanted Croatia to sign a couple of players while others at the club were basking in the euphoria of its Buffalo Gold Cup and Ansett Challenge Shield successes.

But the quest for a defensive midfielder may be over. Tony Redmond can fill that role admirably. Redmond is strong, can win the ball and showed against Hellas that his disposal is good.

Davor Todoric has to learn how to combat tough, uncompromising defenders. He struggled against Peter Lewis of Juventus some time back and on Sunday, never got past Bobby Russell.

At the other end of the park, another terrific competitor, Croatia's George Hannah, hardly gave Charlie Egan in

But Danny Craine found room in which to exhibit his immaculate ball skills. He'd shown the soccer world how good a finisher he is when he scored Hellas's third goal against Macedonia the previous week and added to that reputation with a stunning winner in the 28th minute against Croatia.

Tony Curcio's sole blemish of the afternoon was to take on horrendous proportion. He dwelt far too long on the ball, allowing Egan to track him down from behind, rob him and send Craine clear on the left, with Drago Deanovic nowhere in sight. Craine let fly from inside the area with a fierce left foot drive that sent the ball flying into the roof of the net before Mirko Runje could react.

A minute earlier, Croatia had muffed its best chance. Captain Josip Biskic, deputising for injured Steve Gojevic, broke clear to confront Peter Latumets. Although Latumets spread himself superbly, Biskic should have made much more of the chance.

Incidentally, it appears that Gojevic with was none too pleased about not even being named on the bench. His name was pencilled onto the official team sheet but he failed a fitness test so Redmond's name appeared instead. That of course means Redmond was heading for the bench had Gojevic been fit enough to play, even though many Croatia fans assured me Redmond had been their side's best against Adelaide City Juventus.

Alan Davidson has returned from his stint with Nottingham Forest with far greater strength on the ball. Just try knocking him off it

Man of the match:
ANGIE POSTECOGLOU
(SM-Hellas)

and you'll find out what I mean. He has stiffened the Hellas midfield which already had a fairly solid look about it with Richard Miranda there.

In the 38th minute, Miranda took a short free kick to Craine who unleashed a pile-driver which forced Runje into tipping the ball wide at full stretch.

What's happened to Croatia's attacking flair? Only Biskic consistently looked good going forward. Deanovic did in patches, in the second half when the gale favored Croatia.

Saad scores, Soper sleeps

Peter Scott

SC-Hakoah 1
Syd Olympic 1

Scorers: Saad (Hak) 17th, Estavillo (SO) 7th.

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.

Crowd: 8641.

Referee: Don Campbell 9.

Cautions: Dakos, Stevenson (SO).

With memories of the riot at Pratten Park last year still fresh in the minds of everyone, brawny security men and many police were in evidence to control the crowd of nearly 9000 fans but they, like everyone else, had the chance to sit back and enjoy soccer at its magical, entertaining best for most of the 90 minutes.

Credit belongs to the players, who concentrated mostly on the ball instead of each other, and to referee Don Campbell, who put on a first-rate display.

In the end both coaches were quite happy, although Eddie Thomson and Manfred Schaefer shared the opinion that Hakoah had the chances to win. The Olympic boss admitted that his midfield lost control in the final 20 minutes or so, subjecting his defence to intense pressure.

Projecting further into the future, Lebanese-born youngster Abbas Saad, the suspended John Kosmina's stand-in, also looks to be the "goods". Showing absolutely no inhibitions about stepping into the Socceroo skipper's boots, Saad was a constant thorn in the side of Olympic defence. He is fast, athletic, elegant, tough and instinctively thoughtful at all times.

Very early in the piece he "stole" a Lee cross from goalie Meier and let loose a shot on the turn from about 5 metres, only to see it deflect off lunging Phillips' leg.

Fortunes swung the other way as Olympic struck back just two minutes later, with Estavillo curling a beautiful 25 metre freekick into the top of the Hakoah net.

But Hakoah did not stay behind for long, as Farina sent de Marigny racing down the left. He shot over a beautiful cross and Saad, quite simply, seemed to grow wings, rising to an incredible height above defenders and goalkeeper to head home the equaliser.

Early in the second half Soper hit the post, but that was about all we saw of the Olympic strikers. Schaefer still has problems in knocking his forward line into shape and this applies especially to Stevenson, who, after showing promise against a hapless Canterbury several weeks ago, has contributed next to his team's successful climb up the NSL totem pole.

The two who did contribute an awful lot, providing pleasure in great quantities to soccer lovers, were Olympic's Vicente Estavillo who operated almost without a mistake in midfield during the first half, and was still exerting great influence after the break, and Jean Paul de Marigny, who has become a first-rate, tireless, tough constructive and lethally dangerous midfielder since Eddie Thomson moved him up from left full-back.

Man of the match:
JEAN-PAUL de MARIGNY
(SC-Hakoah)

Abbas Saad



Victoria's Mark Talajic (second from left) just fails to block this shot from Glen Callinan (right) of northern NSW in last week's national youth championships. Others pictured, from left: John Govern and Craig Curry (northern NSW). Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Western Australia wins youth title

WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2 (Armstrong 8th, Edwards 23rd) NSW 0, National Youth Championship final at Olympic Park. Referee: David De Cani (Tas) 8.

W.A.: Tom Maras 7 — Craig Navan 8, Barry Neylon 7, Alan Armstrong 7, Andrew Wright 7 — Ian Cornthwaite 8, Craig Moodie 7, Gary Lee 7 (Orlando Colli 75th), Ken Murray 7 — Alistair Edwards 9, Gavin Brown 7, Coach: John Ward.

NSW: George Bouhassas 7 — David Barrett 7, Craig Moffitt 8, Fabian Scallott 6, David Scott 7 — John Brown 7, Paul Quarmby 6 (Russ Gendle 74th), Klaus Okon 6, Darren Northam 7 — Scott Ollershaw 7, Dave Schute 6 (Chris Ackerley 68th). Coach: Alan Vest.

Tall striker Alistair Edwards gave a powerhouse display in leading Western Australia to its first Australian youth championship.

He played the corner from which centre back Alan Armstrong headed home the first goal, later scored the second after a neat square pass from Ian Cornthwaite, and stood head and shoulders above all others.

Scheinflug's squad

National youth coach Les Scheinflug chose 30 players from the Australian titles, to prepare for the 1986 World Youth Championship in Chile.

The squad is: George Jolevski, Igor Lopatic, John Anastasiadis, Colin Cooper, Mark Talajic, Frank Sabbatino, Nick Ousalkas, John Markovski (Vic), George Bouhassas, Keith Warren, David Barrett, Darren Northam, Paul Edmunds, Craig Moffitt, John Brown, Paul Quarmby, Scott Ollershaw, David Schute (NSW); Mike Devon, Derek Caisley (Nth NSW); Tom Maras, Alan Armstrong, Alistair Edwards (WA); Damien Harley, Lou Hristodoulou, Tony Gasparetto (SA); George Kulesar (ACT); Nick Meredith, Dominic Tonel, Jarrod Auston (Qld); Victorian Andrew Marsh is injured but will join the squad for its second training camp.

The first training camp is in Sydney on June 3, 4, and 5.



Danny Craine



Charlie Egan of SM-Hellas brings the ball down in front of Croatia's Tony Curcio. At left is Chris Middlemast. Picture: ZBIGNIEW CIERPISZ.

ZRILIC SPARKLES

Man of the match:
PETAR ZRILIC
(Canterbury)

Mike Mikolajczyk

tas was on the spot to score.

In the 68th minute another corner paved the way for a goal. The ball fell to Angelo Ambrosino who, without looking, crashed the ball into his own goal!

In the 82nd minute a free kick by Zrilic was not cleared, his team mate Burin found space to shoot but Hosowski blocked it. Thamnidis latched onto the rebound and blasted it into the roof of the net.

Five minutes later substitute Kirwan made an incisive run down the right flank. He drew the remaining defenders and cut the ball back sharply to Thamnidis who confidently tucked it away.

A minute from time the victory was completed by a brilliant combination between the two Croatian imports, Zrilic and Burin.

lance combination between the two Croatian imports, Zrilic and Burin.

Zrilic displayed a multitude of silky skills and deft touches. He demanded the ball in midfield and was equally at home with a short passing or long ball game.

In that final minute, Zrilic strode into Inter's half propping, turning and twisting past bewildered defenders. A slick, delicate dragback and pass with the outside of his foot found Burin whose one touch opened Monaro's defence.

Zrilic ghosted through onto the inch-perfect pass to glide the ball past Hosowski's despairing lunge.

Inter Monaro's key defender Ricky Budini failed a pre-match fitness test.

Canterbury 5
Inter Monaro 0

Scorers: Pettas 62nd, Ambrosino O.G. 68th, Thamnidis 82nd, 87th, Zrilic 89th.

Venue: Arlington Oval.

Crowd: 365.

Cautions: Perinovic, Carbone (I), Thamnidis, Radman (C).

Referee: Gary Power 8.

On the hour, the game was still scoreless when Canterbury began to pressure Hosowski's goal conviction. Monaro's defence gave away four successive corners. Thamnidis took them all and after the last one, Pet-

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at Spencer Park, 3.00pm SUNDAY

Southern Division Youth Game:

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at Chaplin Reserve, 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game:

Sunshine Geo Cross vs South Melb Hellas at 12.45pm



JOHN MARKOVSKI



DAVID McINTOSH

Preston Makedonia vs Melbourne Croatia

at Connor Reserve, 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game:

Preston Makedonia vs Melb Croatia at 12.45pm

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St George Stadium, 3pm SUNDAY

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at Lambert Park, 3pm SUNDAY

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No. 22: MOROCCO

Jose Faria, who had charge of the Qatar team that lost to West Germany in the final of the 1981 World Youth Championship in Sydney, will lead Morocco to Mexico.

Like Edu, coach of Iraq, Jose Faria is a Brazilian, having played for and coached Fluminense.

The loss of a coin gave Morocco qualification for Mexico at Tunisia's expense.

Morocco's recent successes have been based on an elite core of players now in their mid-twenties (Zaki, Haddaoui, Timmoumi and Aziz) or early thirties (Dolmy, Bouyahaoui and Krimau).

In midfield Dolmy, who can play anywhere, and Haddaoui, who is at his most inspired probing defences, are essential. But above all, Mohammed Timmoumi has shone as Morocco's skilled and sometimes visionary playmaker. However, an injury from the Zamelek cup tie — shortly before he was voted African Footballer of the Year — threatens to keep Timmoumi out of Mexico despite his enthusiasm to get back.

ZAKI BADOUI, Goalkeeper. WA Casablanca. Aged 27. A 5-1 defeat by Algeria in 1979 which eliminated Morocco from the 1980 Olympics led to wide-ranging changes at the international level — and brought in, gifted keeper Zaki. Since then Zaki has become national captain and an indispensable element in Morocco's play. His inspirational passes, consistent technique and organising abilities dominate at the back. Zaki let in only one goal (in the last match, a 1-0 defeat in Libya) in eighting matches.

Now 26, Zaki is a national institution, refusing jobs abroad to remain in Morocco.

SALAHUDDINE HMMID, Goalkeeper. Forces Armee Royale (FAR). 25. Tall, more powerfully built than Zaki, Hmid is one of several very good keepers waiting in the wings. Not in Zaki's class, but impressive during a great season when FAR won the African Cup in March, he was usually flying saves in a semi-final penalty shoot-out against reigning champions Zamelek of Egypt.

ABDELFAHAT MOUDDANI, Goalkeeper. Kenitra AC. 30. An experienced and reliable international third string, but having disasters unlikely to play.

KHALIFA LABD, Defender. Kenitra AC. 31. A tough, physical right-back he could have forced himself into Faria's starting line-up for Mexico — especially if Biz was down.

ABDELMAJID LEMRISSE, Defender. FAR. 27. A skilled left-back with plenty of international experience. Lemrissi was sent off against Cameroon in the Nations Cup in March, but was usually thought of as a stabilising influence.

MUSTAGHA BIAZ, Defender. KAC Marrakech. 25. A full-back, happy in the centre of the defence, Biaz is controversial and talented. Currently sent to KACM, his name has been associated with FAR. He was suspended for a year by the CAF for attacking the referee after Morocco's national cup semi-final against Egypt. Moroccan claim the Ethiopian, Mr Tesfaye ended the match early. The ban does not, however, cover matches outside the CAF's African jurisdiction.

NOURREDINE BOUYAHIAOUI, Defender. KAC. 31. Six years' international experience have made him indispensable in his role as sweeper/stopper.

BOUASSA EL AQUAD, Defender. Lens. Aged 31. Like the Algerian forward Cherif Oudjani, he is a product of the excellent Lens youth team. In his search for more experienced backs, Faria is also reportedly watching Ellali (whose brother played in 1970) in the French third division.

West German goalkeeper Harald "Toni" Schumacher has pledged to stay away from reporters at the World Cup finals after a warning from manager Franz Beckenbauer to stop criticising him in public.

Schumacher was quoted by the newspaper "Bild" as criticising Beckenbauer for dropping him from a warm-up match against Holland to give Uli Stein experience.

He added continual team changes were unsettling him and other members of the squad.

WORLD CUP COUNT-DOWN



● MOROCCO, from left: Back: Jose Faria (coach), Bouyahaoui, Biyaz, Bouderbala, Fadli, Haddaoui, Zaki. Front: Labied, Timmoumi, Lemrissi, Dolmy, Merry Mustapha.

LAHCEN QUADINE, called Heina. Defender. FAR. 27. Tall, bearded and balding, Heina's neat touches, dependable tackling, even his confident class passes have won Faria's confidence — but he is more popular with the coach than with the Rabat crowd who see his technical limitations rather than his Liverpool-style professionalism.

MUSTAPHA BIDANE, Defender. COD Meknes. 26. Emerging left-back on the fringe of Faria's squad, one of several younger players who could be picked, including Fadli Jalil (21), the WAC full-back and Abdelali Yakdane (27) of DIF Jadida, who was in the squad for Egypt like Bidane.

JAMAOUI FADIL, Midfielder. FAR. 28. Captain of the African champions, like so many FAR colleagues including Timmoumi and Haddaoui, just recovering from injury.

MOUNJIF EL-HADDAOUI, Midfielder. AS Sale. 22. Not to be confused with the great Mustapha Haddaoui, the Sale's attacking midfielder, he is the club's star in the league.

ABDELMAJID DOLMY, Midfielder. RCA. 31. An all-round utility player, crucial to the mid-field. First cap back in 1974 when Morocco beat Senegal 4-0 in Fez and Dolmy shows for the first time. Capable of playmaking which he has occasionally successfully. Timmoumi cannot play. More than competent in defence and counter-attacking. The daily Al Bayane made Dolmy his player of the year despite Timmoumi's epic season.

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included in squad for Mexico and may make starting line-up unless Faria radically reshuffles his pack.

ABDALLAH HAJDAOUI, Midfielder. FAR. 25. Another FAR player in the wars, out for Egypt, but back with his club. Sharp attacking instincts are not matched by cool finishing.

MUSTAPHA HADDAOUI, Midfielder. Lausanne. 26. Along with his former Raja colleague Dolmy, Haddaoui is an automatic selection. Now enchanting Swiss supporters having joined Lausanne in June 1985. His long shooting is a major asset, helping Morocco with the Mediterranean Games title. A true professional, Haddaoui with his distinctive Kevin Keegan haircut, operates from the centre of midfield moving wide and forward.

AZIZ BOUDERBALA, Forward. Sion. 25. Local boy made good. Aziz made his debut for WAC in 1977 and developed into one of the great club's very best strikers before leaving for Switzerland in 1983. Excellent international form has made him a regular fixture since the 1983 Mediterranean Games. His goals were essential in Morocco's qualification for Mexico — enhanced by an excellent understanding with his striking partner Krimau.

ABDELKRIM "KRIMAU" MERRY, Centre forward. 31. Over six feet tall, powerful and experienced, Krimau has had a vintage season with Le Havre in France, paired with Algeria's Bensaoula, and for Morocco. Typically he arrived in Egypt after Morocco's defeat in the 1982 Africa Cup of Nations and quickly opened his account with a goal against Cameroon. Krimau is a hard-core pro who has weathered the international place better than his brother Mustapha. Before Le Havre came Strasbourg, Metz, Bastia and Lille. Now back in his very best. Mustapha Krimau not only knows what to do in front of goal, but has the power (with head and feet) and flare to do it. Working with his striking partner Aziz, Krimau has a lot of pressure on him — defences beware.

ABDELFAHAT LABABTI, Centre forward. MAS. 23. Krimau's understudy, one of very few MAS players in the side, which is rather strange given the Fez club is champion once again. Lababti, known as Fatah, could be used as a third forward — otherwise we will have to wait a little bit longer to see a leading striker of the future.

HASSAN HANNI, Forward. Bordeaux. 27. A talented striker who had played in the French top league in the club's all-star team. Now establishing himself in France and Morocco where Faria listed him with his original squad, playing him in Egypt. A veteran has a lot of pressure on him — defences beware.

ABDELMAJID SOULEIMANI, Left winger. MAS. 27. A good finisher, brought in to give Morocco width, could feature in Mexico.

RAJHI FAKHREDDINE, Right winger. FAR. 27. Most popular with supporters than the national coach, many Moroccan believe Fakhreddine has deserved more caps.

ABDESALAM LAGRISSE, Right winger. FAR. 28. Could play in midfield if wings are occupied. Lagrissi's season was dogged with injury, but playing with FAR in Championship by February means Faria may stand by him.

KHALED LABIED, Right winger. FUS. 32. Many critics call him slow and supporters quick to remember dozens of missed chances in front of goal, but Labied has experience on his side and Faria seems to have confidence in him. A veteran of the 1978, Labied had a spell as a professional in the UAE.

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Banned from their country

No. 23: IRAQ

Iraq, eliminated from the 1974 World Cup by Australia, goes to Mexico under the leadership of Brazilian coach Edu, who was here last year with Vasco da Gama.

Under his coaching, Vasco, weakened by injuries, lost 1-2 to the Soccereros in the final of an international tournament at the MCG.

Edu, elder brother of Brazilian ace Zico, was born in Rio in 1947, played most of his career as an attacker with Rio's America Club, scoring 348 goals before joining Flamengo in 1974. He made another move to Vasco da Gama before ending his playing days with Bahia in 1981. Edu played ten matches for Brazil, making his debut in a goalless draw against Uruguay in Montevideo in 1967. His managerial career started in 1982 with America and he then won the Rio league with Vasco da Gama in 1983.

Banned by FIFA from playing in Baghdad because of the Gulf war, Iraq survived an arduous qualifying programme against Jordan, Qatar, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Syria even though they had to play every tie abroad, and that included the decisive 1-1 victory over Syria which earned the ticket to Mexico.

Now they face their ultimate test in the World Cup finals against hosts Mexico, Belgium and Paraguay in group B — a test they could pass with surprising ease in the opinion of some well-known observers of Asian soccer.

Iraq have shown their recent goals for form and strength with a victory over the Algerians in the final of the Arab Games in Morocco and an equally impressive 6-2 win against a Canadian National XI.

By the time they arrive in Mexico, they will be as battle-hardened and well-prepared as any other of the 24 teams. As Algerian coach Mohamed Maouche put it: "They have a near-military discipline, a clear-cut attacking game and are not afraid to shoot in front of goal."

They can do well.

President Hussein has already handed over a house and car to each team member . . . just for qualifying.

Amor's their warm-up opposition was a reinforced Denmark Olympic team. Iraq failed to impress in the first match which the Danes won even more comfortably than the 2-0 score-line suggests. But a different Iraq came out to win by the same margin only days later.

"They are good in general, but they will have to work harder to win against the top teams in the World Cup," was the verdict of Sopp Piontek's conclusion Iraq — who already have a reputation for fitness among Arab teams — need more stamina and power he thought — and they were also weak in creating scoring chances, although Piontek singled out striker Hussein Saad for praise.

Hussein Saad, Ahmed Raddi, Adnan Dergale and Raddi Hamoudi will be unfamiliar names to most European and Latin Americans, but they are well-known in Arab Asian football. Titles stacked on the Baghdad trophy shelves include gold from the ninth Asian Games, held in New Delhi in 1982. Iraq beat Asia's World Cup representative Kuwait in the final thanks to a solo effort from Hussein Saad.

Two years later came Olympic qualification, grabbing Asia's third place at Los Angeles, from South Korea. But the Iraqis disappointed their fans in the tournament proper — which proved, surprisingly, to be an even greater crowd puller than the Olympics athletics events.



● IRAQ, from left: Back: Machim, Raddi, Kourkiss, Dergah, Homicin, Said. Front: Chadid, Seddam, Alauqi, Mounir, Nassif.

After an opening draw with Canada, Iraq lost 1-0 to Cameroon. But, just when all seemed lost, two first-half goals by Hussein Said and Ali Hussein could have been enough to tear up the form book against the group's premier team, Yugoslavia.

A place in the quarter finals was not to be, however. The Iraq defence collapsed after half time and the Yugoslavs scored four.

RAAD HAMMOUDI, Goalkeeper. Aged 32 caps. Police Club. An outstanding goalkeeper by any standards, Hammoudi was a member of the Iraq team which won the Arab Student Games in Cairo in 1975 and he has since gone to establish himself as the best goalkeeper in the Asian world. He has been the first-choice goalkeeper for Iraq since the Gulf Cup win in Qatar in 1978 and last August he was voted the best goalkeeper in Arab soccer during the Pan-Arab Games. His excellence was one of the main reasons for Iraq's success against Syria in their Asian group play-offs during which he was beaten only once during 180 minutes play — and that from a penalty. Hammoudi has found time to also develop a remarkable business career during his career and he has bought an industrial factory in Iraq and earned the nickname of "the business man" from the team's dressing room. Sent abroad for treatment after injury this year.

FATMA NUSAF, Goalkeeper. Army Athletic Club. 36. The oldest player in the list for Mexico. Started his career in 1969 but did not get a call for the national team until 1974 against Algeria. Nassaf, a teacher of Arabic, did not reappear until 1980. His bravery helped Army Club win the President Saddam Hussein cup in 1982 and the league next year. Iraq's keeper for 1984 Mexico cup win in Singapore.

ABDUL JASSID, Goalkeeper. Rashed. 26. Joined Rashed from Zawra in 1985. Made his debut in Iraq's 1-1 draw against Bahrain in the Arab Cup in Saudi Arabia, in July 1985.

ADNAN DIRJAL, Sweeper. Rashed. 27. Pillar of the defence made his first appearance for Iraq in 1982. Started with Qatar in the 1978 Asian Games in Bangkok. His attacking style has earned him many spectacular goals. Started his league career with hard work in 1977 with whom he won the league two years later. In the early 1980s, he moved to Students and played a key role in his championship wins of 1981 and 1982. Last season he moved to Rashed. Scored a brilliant goal when Iraq beat Jordan in Baghdad in 1982. Started with him in the league two years later. In the early 1980s, he moved to Students and played a key role in his championship wins of 1981 and 1982. Last season he moved to Rashed. Scored a brilliant goal when Iraq beat Jordan in Baghdad in 1982. Started with him in the league two years later. In the early 1980s, he moved to Students and played a key role in his championship wins of 1981 and 1982. Last season he moved to Rashed. 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I campioni in carica della Juventus hanno dimostrato domenica scorsa che ormai non sono semplicemente dei candidati, ma di avere tutte le carte in regola per uno storico bis.

Non che la vittoria sul Preston, peraltro striminzita e ottenuta su rigore, sia da considerare impresa eccezionale. E' eccezionale invece il fatto che la Juventus continua a macinare risultati utili settimana dopo settimana anche con formazioni largamente rimanegiate.

Domenica scorsa McKendry non solo si è trovato senza attacco (Zinni e Sweeney infortunati) come era già successo in precedenza, ma anche senza centrocampo.

(Dov'è squalificato, Petersen e Incantulo ancora infortunati). Il tecnico bianconero ha dovuto così gettare nella mischia quattro ragazzi di limitata esperienza contro una delle squadre più agguerrite del torneo che fino alla settimana precedente era imbattuta e a reti inviolate.

I rincalzi Durakovic, Palatsidis, Vesnaver e, sul finire, Montemurro hanno dimostrato di essere all'altezza della situazione e capaci perciò di offrire alternative efficaci ed interessanti che mette la squadra al riparo da ogni imprevisto.

La formazione bianconera domenica ha giocato con la stessa disinvoltura di quando è a pieni ranghi (se non addirittura meglio) ed ha dominato un incontro difficile che avrebbe meritato di vincere con uno scarto molto maggiore.

Anche se le circostanze erano tali da non offrire scelta nella formazione, bisogna dar merito a McKendry per aver saputo creare e potenziare

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Agonfie vele le due Juve e il Fawkner

questa brillante riserva di giovani talenti che significherebbe sicuramente la differenza fra vittoria e sconfitta ogni qualvolta che i titolari si troveranno fuori causa.

Altro merito dell'allenatore è quello di aver inserito Durakovic e Vesnaver (difensori di ruolo) direttamente a centrocampo dove erano le falle, invece di rivoluzionare anche la difesa per immettere nella zona nevralgica del campo qualche giocatore di maggiore esperienza come Zyzendorn e Campbell.

Oltre a continuare a incamerare punti di settimana in settimana, la Juventus allo stesso tempo riesce a mantenere in sua rete inviolata dopo la solitaria rete subita nella prima giornata di campionato.

Ad eccezione dell'Hellas che mise a segno quella rete e cause con essa l'unica sconfitta della Juventus in questo campionato, la squadra di McKendry ha resistito per ben 540 minuti agli attacchi di sei squadre che nelle altre partite hanno messo a segno la bellezza di 38 reti.

Con la difesa più ermetica del campionato nazionale (una sola rete subita contro le quattro incassate dal Wollongong che segue in graduatoria), la Juventus ha anche l'attacco più prolifico del girone meridionale (dodici reti messe a segno, pari alla consorella Juventus di Adelaide).

Una squadra che riesce a produrre rincalzi giovanissimi a non finire, che ha la difesa più impenetrabile del campionato e riesce a mettere a segno una media di quasi due reti a partita, che può contare su uno dei più preparati allenatori d'Australia e su una solida amministrazione, deve essere per forza di cose una "certezza" per il titolo nazionale e per molti anni di continuata supremazia.

Altra bella realtà di questo campionato è l'altra Juventus (o Adelaide City) che è saldamente piazzata in terza posizione in classifica ad un punto dalla consorella di Melbourne e a due punti dalla capolista JUST.

Nel girone meridionale le due Juventus dovrebbero continuare a macinare punti. A Melbourne i bianconeri ospiteranno e batteranno l'Heidelberg (rientro di Dowie e possibile rientro di Zinni), mentre ad Adelaide il derby italiano con il Brisbane City può solo finire con la vittoria dei padroni di casa.

Non c'è da escludere nemmeno un ulteriore salto avanti in classifica perché la capolista JUST non può certamente dormire sonni tranquilli contro il Green Gully che nelle ultime settimane ha fatto grossi progressi con l'innesto di nuovi giocatori e il ritorno in forma di Cummings.

Altra partita interessante è

il confronto Hellas-George Cross, rispettivamente delusione e la sorpresa di questo primo scorcio di campionato. La squadra di Margaritis con due vittorie consecutive è balzata al quinto posto in classifica scavalcando il "George" solo per differenza reti e sembra ormai aver risolto tutti i suoi problemi con l'arrivo di Craine (tre reti in due partite). Anche se il George Cross non concede molto in difesa, pensiamo che la nuova accoppiata Egan e Craine riuscirà a far saltare la difesa maltese e a riproporre l'Hellas come una seria candidata alla vittoria finale.

Nella Lega Statale del Victoria, come avevamo previsto, i risultati dello scorso turno hanno giocato a tutto favore del Fawkner (vincitore sul Northcote mentre il Croydon è uscito sconfitto dall'incontro con il Box Hill) e così gli Azzurri di Jukes Road hanno potuto consolidare la loro posizione in classifica ad una sola lunghezza dalla capolista Frankston Pines (a pari punti con il St. Albans) e con distacchi sulle altre più pericolose concorrenti come Springvale, W. Suburbs, Croydon e Box Hill.

Il prossimo impegno degli Azzurri è abbastanza impegnativo (in casa contro il Western Suburbs di McGuinness) ma non proibitivo, un risultato pieno sarebbe un notevole consolidamento nelle primissime posizioni poiché il giorno prima Frankston e Springvale si troveranno ai ferri corti e qualsiasi il risultato, un Fawkner vincente ne gioverebbe conquistando il primato in classifica o distaccandosi di tre lunghezze da due pericolosi contendenti.

Clarke to return, bye, bye Kulak?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Doubt about Kaz Kulak retaining the Polonia coaching position; Gerry Edmondson and John Bird to replace Paddy Bannon at Melbourne Hungaria and Morwell re-signing Northern Irish defender or midfielder Gerry Clarke who hopes to bring Cliftonville's 1985-86 Player of the Year to Morwell with him.

These are the major stories to emerge after last weekend's round of State League matches highlighted by Box Hill's stunning comeback to beat Croydon 3-2 after being 2-0 down. The whisper from the Polonia camp suggests that Kulak could be under pressure in his first year as Polonia coach. We were unable to bring you the result of last night's (Tuesday's) committee meeting but take it from me, the coaching post was discussed.

Paddy Bannon is off to Mexico on Monday to join his brother Eamonn, a member of Scotland's World Cup squad. Edmondson and Bird will take charge of the team in his absence but if the Heidelberg Alexander job still is available when Bannon returns I understand that it could be offered to him. However, it would be a surprise if Heidelberg left the job open that long.

Clarke first was brought to Morwell by then coach Jimmy Dunne two seasons ago and was very impressive. Morwell will release the name later this week of the Cliftonville star who it hopes will accompany Clarke who is due to arrive on May 30.

Frankston Pines and Springvale clash at Monterey Reserve on Saturday in what should be a tremendous tussle and the big game on Sunday is at Smith Reserve where Fawkner takes on Western Suburbs.

Springvale's Scottish import, striker Brian Deane, arrived last week and played well in

the reserves but Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan was giving nothing away when asked if Deane would be in the first team against Pines.

Goran Runje missed last week's game against Caulfield and the Pines striker is likely to be sidelined again on Saturday with hamstring trouble. However, Graham Watson continued his comeback from injury with two goals in the reserves and is pushing for senior selection this week.

I'm tipping a draw.

Colin Quigley should be back from suspension for the game against Suburbs adding his considerable talent to a Fawkner midfield that functioned fairly well against Northcote last weekend. Davie Nixon was the star of the show and Fawkner can beat Suburbs by exploiting Ian Tuffield's aerial prowess.

Ivan Duzel didn't make his debut against Ringwood Wilhelmina last weekend as expected but could square up to Thomastown at Parkridge Reserve on Sunday.

George and Sydney Croft are chasing Diamo striker Dennis Morovic (see story page two) and if he goes then Diamo coach Tony Vrzina is likely to use Branko Culina as Kevin Lloyd's partner up front with Duzel taking over Culina's playmaking role in midfield.

Diamo should be too strong for Thomastown even if Alan Kerr is back in the line-up.

Box Hill will fall on four Ringwood Wilhelmina players this week and the club is trying to sign an experienced goalkeeper in time for Sunday's Jubilee Park clash with Morwell Falcons. If it fails, Robert Brian is likely to be in goal in place of Charlie Kasimas.

Emil Bruns was at his brother's wedding and missed Morwell's 2-1 win over Polonia last Saturday but he'll be back this week in his customary stopper's role. Harry Bingham probably will retain the sweeper's role with Graham Tutill again lining up in midfield. Morwell can win this one but coach Dave O'Connor certainly didn't get carried away by his team's win against Polonia.

If Box Hill coach Keith Webster is right, Laurie McKinna could prove to be an invaluable acquisition. The former Kilmarnock striker scored twice in the Hillmen's magnificent win over Croydon.

"McKinna could turn out to be every bit as valuable to us as Steve Smith," said Webster.

Box Hill goes into Sunday's Wembley Park clash with Caulfield as favorite and should win even though Caulfield is prepared to dust off its cheque book in answer to its problems at the back and in midfield.

Caulfield has shown interest recently in Gerry Bennett of George Cross, Dave Brooks of Box Hill and Kenny Taylor of Croydon. The committee feels that the side is too inexperienced to do well in State League.

Coach Takis Surgis surprised most observers by dropping Tiger Amanatidis to the bench for the game against Pines. Amanatidis is one of the few Caulfield midfielders who really can mix it and it's clear that the side needs more bite in this department.

Croydon should be too strong for struggling Melbourne at J.T. Gray Reserve on Saturday while Polonia may have to settle for a draw against Northcote. Raleigh Reserve on Sunday even though Greg Warsawski should be back from injury.

Here are this weekend's matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

Frankston Pines v Springvale (draw) at Monterey Reserve, 3pm.
Melbourne Hungaria v Croydon at J.T. Gray Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY

Thomastown v St Albans Diamo at Parkridge Reserve, 3pm.
Ringwood Wilhelmina v Morwell Falcons at Jubilee Park, 3pm.
Box Hill v Caulfield at Wembley Park, 3pm.
Fawkner v Western Suburbs at Smith Reserve, 3pm.
Polonia v Northcote (draw) at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

Selections

VICTORIAN LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE
Saturday: SUNSHINE UNITED v SM Mordialloc, ALTONA GATE v Oakleigh, North Dandenong v Nunawading (draw).
Sunday: Werribee v Knox City (draw), ALBION ROVERS v Richmond, BROADMEADOWS v Doveton, DONCASTER ROVERS v Morningside.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: RINGWOOD UNITED v North Geelong, SANDRINGHAM v Hamlyn Rangers, PRAHRAN CITY v Moreland Park Rangers, ALTONA CITY v Keller, Dandenong City v Werribee City (draw), ELTHAM v Royal Richmond, Essendon City v Bulleen (draw).

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: YARRAVILLE v Springvale United, YALLOURN v Moorabbin City, BELL PARK v Resana, MOOROOLBAK v Prahran, CLIFTON HILL v Carle, Geelong v Geelong, FERNIE TERRY GULLY v Port Melbourne.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: BORONIA v Lalor United, WEST BRUNSWICK v Brighton, HOLLAND PARK v Heidelberg Bundoora, BALLARAT v East Brunswick, CLARINDA v Lalor United.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
Saturday: Werribee v SEAFORD UNITED, GEELONG UNITED v Greensborough, EAST PRESTON v Pascoe Vale, Ardor v WILLIAMSTOWN, CLAYTON v Malvern City, EAST GEELONG v Central City, Berwick City v VANDHOE CITY.

DIVISION ONE
Sunday: EFFING TRISTLE v Balwyn City, MACCABI v Eagles United, ENDEAVOUR HILLS v Diamond Valley, Pines Institute v ASCOT ST MARKS, NORTHERN SUBURBS v Brimley, MELBOURNE UNI v Collingwood City.

DIVISION TWO
Sunday: DIGGERS REST v Waverley Wanderers, YARRA UNITED v East Altona, NORTH MELBOURNE v East Richmond, OAKLEIGH UNITED v Concord, HAWTHORN UNITED v Old Scotch.

DIVISION THREE
Sunday: RESERVOIR EAGLES v Old Paradians, CAMBERWELL, GRAMMAR v Royal Melb. Institute, UPFIELD v Mazoned College, INTERCITY v Anstey.

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FRANKSTON PINES	6	2	1	18	9	14
ST. ALB. DINAMO	5	3	1	16	5	13
FAWKNER	5	3	1	10	4	13
SPRINGVALE	4	4	1	12	6	12
West Suburbs	5	2	2	16	13	12
Croydon	5	1	3	21	10	11
Box Hill	4	2	3	14	10	10
Thomastown	3	3	3	9	9	9
Polonia	2	3	4	7	9	7
Caulfield	3	1	5	15	18	7
Morwell Falcons	2	1	6	8	15	5
Melb-Hungaria	1	3	5	10	20	5
Northcote	1	2	6	10	22	4
Wilhelmina	1	2	6	3	19	4

CAULFIELD CITY 0 FRANKSTON PINES 3 (Dick 43rd, 53rd, Thurlow 83rd) at Princes Park, Sunday.
CAULFIELD CITY: Alexandropoulos 6 — Vaggas 4, Tofar 6, Koutos 5, Filippou 4 — Bisons 5 (Amanatidis 63rd) Theodorou 5, Topalidis 5 — Wondimu 4, Zemanek 7, Abraham 7 (in) Papalazarou 49th, 4) Coach: Take Sengas
FRANKSTON PINES: Boland 8 — Cumming 6, Macleod 6, R Nelson 8, Ferris 6 — Ross 8 (McGoran 81st), Thurlow 7, J. Cullen 6 — P. Hennessy 8 Dick 8 (in) Miller 81st, Webster 7, Coach Danny McNeune
Best three for Ametco Travel award 3 Dick (Pines), 2 Ross (Pines), 1 Hennessy (Pines)

NORTHCOTE 0 FAWKNER 1 (Cuzzella 20th) at John Cain Reserve, Saturday.
NORTHCOTE: Ganoopoulos 7 — Cutler 6 — Saladis 6, Kourmenos 6, Bozakis 6, J. Constantinou 8 (in) Arenis 80th — Bekaris 6 (in) Small 75th, Toro 5, Patinoitis 6 — P. Constantinou 7, Patsakos 7, Coach Frank Manro
FAWKNER: R. Wilson 8 — Walsh 8, Schipano 5, Fattore 7, Bordignon 6 — Nixon 9, F. Angelo 6, Mancinelli 6 — Sabbayno 7, Tuffield 6, Cuzzella 6 Coach Peter Boyle
Best three for Ametco Travel award 3 Nixon (Fawk), 2 R Wilson (Fawk), 1 J. Constantinou (North)

ST ALBANS DINAMO 3 (Culina 45th, Lloyd 56th, 70th) **RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0** at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.
ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grgic 7 — Kustura 7 (Ramjak 70th), Brnjacic 7, Rastovic 7, Kuzman 7 — Bainovic 6, M. Wilson 8, Culina 7, Dezic 8 — Morovic 7, Lloyd 8, Coach Tony Vrzina
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasimas 5 — McKinlay 5 (Bates 70th), Corke 8, Baker 8, Lange 7 — Russell 7, Alarcon 6, Verniers 7 — Thomson 5, Storm 7, Bosland 5 (Omercoglu 11, 8) Coach Bill Curran
Best three for Ametco Travel award 3 Lloyd (St Alb), 2 Baker (RW), 1 Kragovic (St Alb)

MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Stirton 30th, 85th) **POLONIA 1** (P. Czarnik 83rd) at North Cringian Reserve, Saturday.
MORWELL FALCONS: Escott 6 — M. Cassar 7, Bingham 7, D. Wilson 7, Train 7 — E. Cassar 6, O'Callaghan 6, Tutill 6 — Verechia 6, Stirton 8, A. Cassar 7, Coach Dave O'Connor
POLONIA: Dzielakowski 6 — Liparski 5, Smolarek 7, G. Czarnik 6, Chetuni 6 — Farrugia 5, P. Czarnik 6, Gregorczuk 6, A. Czarnik (in) Stojewski 15th, 5) — Kadlicek 6, Stewart 8, Coach Kaz Kulak
Best three for Ametco Travel award 3 Stirton (MF), 2 P. Czarnik (Pol), 1 Stewart (Pol)

WESTERN SUBURBS 4 (Tuck 13th, McGuinness 15th, Palmariotti 60th, McCluskey 67th) **MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 3** (Dagnall 50th, Edmondson 73rd, Beltecky 80th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.
WESTERN SUBURBS: Cinc 6 — Beattie 6, Kagioglou 5, Smallman 8, Hamill 6 — Palmariotti 7, Dimovski 7, McGuinness 6, Farmer 7 — McCluskey 9, Tuck 7, Coach Jimmy Kondis
MELBOURNE HUNGARIA: Barbas 5 — Szabo 5, P. Bannan 7, Bird 6, Edmondson 6 — Beltecky 6, Tzambazis 5, S. Wild 5, Dagnall 6 — Morrey 6, L. Theodosopoulos 6 Coach Paddy Bannan
Best three for Ametco Travel award 3 McCluskey (WS), 2 Smallman (WS), 1 P. Bannan (Melb)

CROYDON 2 (MacLean penalty 35th, McDonald 60th) **BOX HILL 3** (McKenna 71st, 86th, Gagic 77th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.
CROYDON: Blasby 6 — Brown 8, O'Reilly 7, Tansley 6, Beech 7 — McDonald 7, MacLean 8, Livingstone 7 — Humble 6, French 5, Brogan 8, Coach Peter Ollerton
BOX HILL: McKinnlay 8 — McPhee 7, D. Hennessy 9, Davidson 8, Roodhouse 9 — Taylor 7, Hughes 7, Burton 9 — Gagic 6, McKenna 7, Gird 7, Coach Keith Webster
Best three for Ametco Travel award 3 D. Hennessy (BH), 2 Roodhouse (BH), 1 Burton (BH)

SPRINGVALE CITY 3 (Garvey 30th, J. Nelson 36th, House 78th) **THOMASTOWN 1** (Di Mario 86th) at Ross Reserve, Sunday.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Whiteside 7 — Bentley 7 (in) Vogel 86th, Adams 8, Bissinger 8, Hobson 8 — J. Nelson 8, G. Bannan 7, Bell 9, Garvey 8 — Atharsych 6, House 7, Coach Bobby McLachlan
MORWELL FALCONS: Rapson 7 — Raney 7, Pinalto 6, G. McMillan 7, Carfara 6 — Di Martino 7, Evans 6, Coyte 6 — Temos 6 (Chilico 80th), Ihan 6, Flaherty 6, Coach George McMillan
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Mike Lynn reports from John Cain Reserve and Ralph Reserve.

NORTHCOTE WON'T GO DOWN!



● Fawkner striker Bruno Cuzzella shields the ball from Northcote defender George Bozakis. Picture: CAR-MELO BAZZANO.

Beltecky back at Melbourne

W. Suburbs 4 Melbourne 3
Scorers: Tuck 13th, McGuinness 15th, Palmariotti 60th, McCluskey 67th (WS); Dagnall 50th, Edmondson 73rd, Beltecky 80th (M). Venue: Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

Robert Beltecky was making his State League debut for Melbourne after being signed from Werribee for \$750 on Friday but didn't get fooled by the scoreline for Suburbs deserved its win in a game in which both camps threw caution to the wind. Beltecky is a former Melbourne player and crowned his return with a goal in the 80th minute that made the scoreline 4-3 and gave Suburbs some cause for concern in the last 10 minutes.

In the 5th minute, a George Beattie free kick was headed on by Darren Tuck to Liam McCluskey who volleyed over from a difficult angle. Five minutes later, McCluskey got on to the end of Tuck's cross, rounded Szabo, but shot straight at Marcel Barbas.

Bobby McGuinness beat P. Tzambazis on the backline in the 12th minute and crossed to McCluskey who headed down but the ball struck Barbas's foot and went out for a corner. McCluskey easily could have had a hat-trick in the first 12 minutes, but that didn't deter Suburbs and Tuck and McGuinness, who had scored two goals in as many minutes against Box Hill the previous week, repeated the dose here.

In the 13th minute, a long ball by David Smallman was headed down by Tuck. Steve Wild tried a first time back pass but didn't direct it well enough. Tuck took off in pursuit. Barbas got to the ball first but only could smother it under pressure from Tuck who retrieved it as Barbas tried to get back into position then sent

But Suburbs restored its two-goal cushion in the 60th minute. Steve Dimovski won the ball on the left and sent it across to the right of the Melbourne area to the incoming Palmariotti. He controlled it well then slotted it past the advancing Barbas into the far corner.

Seven minutes later, Suburbs were cruising with a three-goal break. McGuinness played a fine through ball to McCluskey with the Melbourne defence caught square. McCluskey finished in style, running to the edge of the area then hammering a low shot into the far corner to make it 4-1.

Melbourne made it 4-2 in the 73rd minute after a Bannan free kick found plenty of players challenging for the ball which fell to Gerry Edmondson and he sidefooted home.

In the 80th minute, Melbourne clawed its way back into the game. Tzambazis's free kick was headed back across goal by Melbourne's English import Robert Morrey and Beltecky's first timer made it 4-3.

In the 88th minute, a scramble developed in front of the Melbourne goal and John Bird did well to clear Palmariotti's header off the line.

Northcote 0 Fawkner 1

Scorer: Cuzzella 20th. Venue: John Cain Reserve, Saturday.

If Frank Munro gets Northcote fit, there's no way that it will be relegated this season, judging by its display against Fawkner, for Northcote did enough to earn a point.

That's not a criticism of Fawkner which battled this one out to the end and clearly is one of the better sides in State League.

This was Chris Bambridge's last refereeing assignment before flying out today (Wednesday) to Mexico to join the panel of referees appointed for the World Cup finals which start later this month.

Northcote played with five at the back. Gary Cutler was sweeper, George Bozakis was marking Bruno Cuzzella. George Kouremenos was on Ian Tuffield and fullbacks Jimmy Stiliadis and Jimmy Constantinou were to push forward to every opportunity.

But Northcote's Juan Toro, its skilful central midfielder, was restricted by his lack of fitness to playing in a very confined area which simply isn't good enough in State League.

In the 5th minute, a superb ball by Frank Sabbatino put Fab Mancinelli into a one-on-one situation with Stiliadis. The Northcote defender didn't have any cover so did really well to win the ball and avert the danger.

In the 13th minute, Arthur Patinoitis played a superb ball to little Peter Constantinou darning down the line. He beat Peter Bordignon and Cesare Fattore but his cutback was poor and a good chance was

a great chip into the far corner of the Melbourne goal.

In the 18th minute, McCluskey robbed Szabo on the left and crossed to the far post. McGuinness controlled the ball neatly, walked around Barbas and teased the defence before finally tapping in to the unguarded goal.

In the 25th minute, a throw-in went to Smallman who hit a curling, first time cross to the far side of the Melbourne area. McCluskey headed down to Robert Palmariotti who shot weakly, straight at Barbas.

Five minutes before the interval, Brendon Farmer played a short free kick to Robert Palmariotti who skinned Tzambazis, got the backline and crossed. Tuck charged in but his diving header was just wide.

Melbourne hit back in the 50th minute. Player-coach Paddy Bannan played a fine free kick to the near post and Mark Dagnall's planing header sent the ball past Milutin Ciric and into the far corner.

But Suburbs restored its two-goal cushion in the 60th minute. Steve Dimovski won the ball on the left and sent it across to the right of the Melbourne area to the incoming Palmariotti. He controlled it well then slotted it past the advancing Barbas into the far corner.

Seven minutes later, Suburbs were cruising with a three-goal break. McGuinness played a fine through ball to McCluskey with the Melbourne defence caught square. McCluskey finished in style, running to the edge of the area then hammering a low shot into the far corner to make it 4-1.

Melbourne made it 4-2 in the 73rd minute after a Bannan free kick found plenty of players challenging for the ball which fell to Gerry Edmondson and he sidefooted home.

In the 80th minute, Melbourne clawed its way back into the game. Tzambazis's free kick was headed back across goal by Melbourne's English import Robert Morrey and Beltecky's first timer made it 4-3.

In the 88th minute, a scramble developed in front of the Melbourne goal and John Bird did well to clear Palmariotti's header off the line.

Man of the match: DAVIE NIXON (Fawkner)

wasted.
The goal that mattered came in the 20th minute. A Fawkner corner was cleared to Fab Angele. His hard, low shot would have gone wide had Cuzzella not been in the way. To make matters worse for Northcote, Bozakis had stayed inside the six-yard box, thereby playing Cuzzella inside. Cuzzella sidefooted the ball home and Fawkner led 1-0.

Two minutes later, Peter Constantinou got clear into a one-on-one situation with Richard Wilson who spread himself well and Constantinou struck the ball against Wilson's feet.

It was end-to-end stuff and the small crowd couldn't complain about the entertainment. In the 23rd minute, George Bozakis failed to clear properly. Sabbatino controlled the ball with his first touch and with his second tried a really

slight deflection and went just over the bar.
Seven minutes later, Sabbatino played the ball to Davie Nixon. Fawkner's recent Northern Irish import, Nixon crossed to Angele who played the ball back to Nixon and the midfielder's shot hit the side netting.

Five minutes from half time, the woodwork stopped Northcote equalising. A free kick on the right was played to the far post where big Tom Patsakos rose superbly but his header struck the bar. The ball was cleared to the incom-

ing Jimmy Constantinou who hit a screamer from about 30 metres and Wilson pushed the ball over for a corner.

Two minutes into the second half, young Bordignon was caught out of position. Fattore came across to cover for his left back but was skinned by Peter Constantinou whose shot on the angle struck Wilson and was deflected for a corner.

In the 50th minute, a fine far post cross from Mancinelli was punched clear by John Ganoopoulos to Nixon who tried to chip the ball into the top far corner. Ganoopoulos did well to recover and knock the ball over the bar.

Toro knocked a good long ball to Peter Constantinou on the right of the Fawkner area in the 57th minute. Constantinou was preparing to shoot when Bordignon slid in at full stretch to knock the ball out for a corner.

Three minutes later, with Kouremenos down injured on the edge of the Northcote area, Constantinou got the ball on the left wing and crossed to Tuffield who controlled with his left, got it on to his right foot and was about to shoot when Cutler made a timely interception.

A great long ball from Cutler in the 70th minute picked out Peter Constantinou who slipped past Bordignon but Fattore recovered to win a tackle and knock the ball out.

Cutter brought down Cuzzella in the 75th minute when the Fawkner forward was through and could have put the game out of Northcote's reach and Northcote's last chance came in the 91st minute.

Peter Constantinou cut the ball back from the backline. Patsakos got a foot to it but Wilson had read the situation and smothered well.

Groenewald sets up Moyle and Mullett

NUNAWADING CITY 2 (Moyle 65th, Mullett 87th) **DONCASTER ROVERS 0** at Mahoney's Reserve, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjer, Brown, Charavalle, McCombe, Remmers, Lawler, Papis, Mullett 68th, Hurst, Pote, Rogger, 68th, Groenewald, Moyle.

DONCASTER ROVERS: Clayton, Pucovski, Vujic, Tolmie, Humble, Maitland, Spicer, Valentine, Forsyth (Alford 84th), Casson, Brimmer.

The first half frankly was most disappointing. With both defences well on top, clear-cut chances were virtually non-existent, and the game was played in the middle third

of the pitch.
Keith Valentine, for Doncaster, showed some nice touches and Pote, back for the home team after breaking his leg last season, showed his usual endeavour but there was little else to enthuse over.

The second half was a much better spectacle. In the 50th minute, Spicer made a good run on the right and found Casson with the cross but the resultant shot was too high. At the other end Groenewald, in a brilliant run, beat five defenders with tight ball control but his finishing shot lacked strength.

The break came in the 65th minute, when a high, through ball was contested by Maitland

and Groenewald, showing excellent control, the latter won out and chipped the ball for Moyle to volley into the corner of the net from 10 yards.

Five minutes later Doncaster should have equalised when a Pucovski cross gave Rob Forsyth a free header from close range but the ball cleared the crossbar.

A good through ball from Groenewald found Mullett but the resultant shot was just too high.

With three minutes left, this pair put the result beyond doubt. Groenewald, on the left, again got clear of Maitland and his cross was measured to perfection for Mullett to volley home.

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Scintillating display from Split

A sensational display by Split sounded a warning to the other teams in the Preston Indoor Soccer League last week.

In probably the most exciting display of skills since the start of the competition, Split reduced fellow championship contenders Euronations to also-rans in the first 30 minutes of the game.

Fortunately for Euronations they managed to pile on goals at an extraordinary rate to not only make the scores look respectable but nearly steal the game.

Ante Pericic started the goal feast with an incredibly powerful shot from the centre line which curved into the top right-hand corner of the goal leaving the Euronations' goalkeeper sprawled on the floor, having had no chance of saving.

The game continued at a very fast rate with Nino Ragusa and Steve Sinkovic defending grimly and also setting up plenty of scoring opportunities with deft passes to John Kenan and Pericic.

Passing became the feature of the game as Split players raced quickly down the court. By half time Kenan had added two more goals to make the score 3-0.

Terry Frangakis, Fabio Cauti and Chris Soterion were sadly out of touch and John Frangakis was kept under constant pressure as the Split players penetrated the loose defence.

The second half started in similar fashion. Split continued to display its great ball skills and Ragusa, Sinkovic, Kenan and Pericic appeared to have the ball on a string.

At the 10 minute mark of the second half Split was ahead 6-0 when Soterion finally broke through the Euronations.

In the remaining minutes, Soterion attacked the goals with such vigor all other players (including his teammates) could only look on in disbelief. Four more goals came from his boot before a timely final whistle signalled the end of the game 6-5 in Split's favor.

Mutundies showed their usual vigor and attacked the ball at every opportunity. In the first half their efforts were rewarded when Pino Pulcini equalised a goal scored by Michael Contos. The skill of Makedonia prevailed in the second half with Salas, Kondinski, and Murador all contributing goals. Frank Pulcini found the net for Mutundies making the final score 4-2.

In the other game Goodonya was far too good for Cosmos defeating them 3-0.

In the youth league United Nations finally were rewarded for their persistence when they drew 2-2 with championship favorite Makedonia B. Bill Koussidis and Goce Tosevski led the way with goals to match those scored by Kondinski and Salas.

Makedonia A secured a place in the finals when it defeated the well-performed Devils 3-1.

Senior results: Makedonia 4 Mutundies 2, Split 6 Euronations 5, Goodonya 3 Cosmos 0.

Donvale season gets underway

The Donvale centre kicks off its first season tonight (Wednesday) with Group A consisting of 10 teams.

Group B also consists of 10 teams and will commence in two weeks.

The centre has attracted a vast range of keen players some having never played soccer before, let alone indoor soccer.

Some of the teams are very well represented drawing play-

ers from teams in the Doncaster, Templestowe, Bulleen and Ivanhoe areas.

The centre also has attracted teams from Williamstown and Sunshine where the season has ended there and the players' keen spirit has brought them over to Donvale.

The teams to start off the season at Donvale are: Disciples, Kaiser Chiefs, Smooth Operators, Calypsos, Canons, Red Devils, Nike, Riviera, Shafted and Bonds.



● Riviera, back row: Tony Gashi, Robert Gashi, Bill Rashid. Front: Nick Tkalevic, Mikel Gashi, Frank Tkalevic.

Riviera out to win grand final

Riviera played for a season at Sunshine and now has come across to Donvale to join the many teams registered there.

The players are like a large family so they all are aware of each other's abilities.

Having reached the semi-finals at Sunshine they are keen to do better at Donvale and perhaps end the season with a trophy to their name.

TONY GASHI is 20 years old and has had a brief outdoor career with Altona City, playing only for four seasons. This is his third season in indoor soccer.

ROBERT GASHI is 18 and he too had a short career in Altona City. He has the arduous task of being goalkeeper for Riviera.

BILL RASHID is 18 and has played in Sydney for Newtown for six years. This is his first season in indoor soccer and he chose this sport because he doesn't have time for any other soccer.

NICK TKALEVIC is 22 and the manager of the team. He has played soccer for over 10 years on a friendly basis and also enjoys tennis and swimming. He enjoys the speed of indoor soccer and is sure Riviera can win the grand final.

FRANK TKALEVIC played for Doncaster Rovers for 10 years and Melbourne Croatia for three years.

Gladiators down 9-2, Vasco storms home

Mario Gattino got the clash between Carcioffi Rangers and Gladiators off to a spectacular start with a goal from a devastating shot in the first minute of play.

Carcioffi Rangers dominated the first 10 minutes and in the seventh minute

Steve Dal Costello increased Rangers' lead.

A fast break by the Gladiators then saw Chris Temovskas pull a goal back to make the game more interesting for the large crowd. Less than a minute later, Temovskas planted the ball into the back of the net to make the score 2-2.

Carcioffi Rangers continued their assault on the Gladiators goal after this set-back, but through bad shooting and the amazing efforts of goalie John Gorgovski, found it difficult to score.

With seconds remaining in the first half, Fab Sparano intercepted a bad pass and scored Carcioffi Rangers' third goal.

Almost immediately after the start of the second half, a long pass found Dal Costello who made no mistake with his shot and increased the Rangers lead to 4-2.

A flood of goals followed in the next few minutes for Rangers.

Silvio Sella scored two goals in a minute following a change of goalies for Gladiators.

It was Dal Costello who scored next followed in quick succession by Sella and Adrian Tocchetto.

Even though the final score of 9-2 is one-sided, it

doesn't really show how much Carcioffi dominated the game!

Vasco de Gama stormed into second place on the table and grabbed the double chance in the finals with wins of 6-3 and 8-2 against Gladiators and Wanderers respectively.

Albert Stasi with a three-goal haul against Wanderers took out the top scorer's award from Maurice Bisetto who had led for most of the season.

RESULTS: Vasco De Gama 6, Gladiators 3, Carcioffi Rangers 9, Gladiators 2, Vasco De Gama 8, Wanderers 2.

Standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Eliminators	9	1	0	59	16	29
Vasco de Gama	6	1	3	45	22	23
Furious Five	5	2	3	41	22	22
Car. Rangers	5	2	3	44	27	22
Wanderers	1	1	8	14	75	13
Gladiators	0	1	9	13	55	11

TOP SCORERS

- 19 — Albert Stasi (VDG)
- 18 — Maurice Bisetto (E)
- 17 — Velco Kondinski (E)
- 16 — Theo Galatopoulos (FF), Silvio Sella (CR0.)

State League results and standings

Results: Preston Elimination 3 Sunshine 0, Geelong 3 Bayswater 2, Latrobe Valley 7 Knox 2.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Latrobe Valley	5	1	5	10	16	18
Geelong	5	0	2	23	19	17
Preston	4	1	2	23	17	16
Bayswater	3	2	2	26	18	15
Knox	2	0	5	18	36	11
Sunshine	0	0	7	8	32	3

BONDS THRASHED BY RED DEVILS

BONDS 2 (Joakim, Savidis) RED DEVILS 12 (Petroopoulos 6, Alberti 4, Iacono 2). Practice Match at the Donvale Centre.

BONDS: P. Kounas 6, M. Joakim 7, N. Argirou 6, F. Morasco 5, T. Savidis 7, C. Savidis 6.

RED DEVILS: F. Lubetic 7, G. Callegan 8, R. Alberti 8, M. Iacono 7, H. Petroopoulos 6.

This was the first practice match for the Red Devils, and was an easy victory for them.

Bonds have now had a number of practice matches and appeared to be playing

reasonably well, but their defence let them down, particularly their keeper, who showed inexperience in covering his goal.

Nevertheless, the first half saw Bonds score two goals to the Red Devils three.

With such a slight margin at half time Bonds were confident of doing better in the second half, but the goal hungry Harry Petroopoulos managed to score four goals to bring his tally to six and with three more goals from Alberti and one from Iacono, the team thrashed Bonds 12-2.

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Walker, Davies rearing to go!

Warringah Freshwater has hired Marconi Stadium for its clash against Melita Eagles anticipating both at big crowd and a fair amount of success against the league pacesetters.

The side which went into the player market with an open cheque book has collected a number of very strong players. Barry Walker, an ex-Melita player, will be keen to show his wares against his old side. The man who started the tide by scoring a vital goal against Fairy Meadow in the last year's Grand Final for Melita will be looking for the same start this time but for Warringah Freshwater.

Johnny Davies, another ex-Melita player, also will be keen to



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

prove a point as will Jay O'Rourke. Melita certainly has a lot to offer with Farrugia, McCoy and Wilson in fine form indeed and young custodian Dragan Pupovac presenting a daunting obstacle.

Ku-Ring-Gai and Uruguayan Auburn show very little potential up front but with the arrival of a new player from Uruguay some fireworks can be expected. It is not guaranteed that coach Lubo Gokovic will rush his new player into the side, but if he is half as good as his reputa-

tion then Ku-Ring-Gai is in trouble. Avala should maul Manly Warringah at Knight Park. Skilful and attractive Avala is one of the better sides in the competition with Petar Marjanovic and Zoran Blazic directing traffic in the middle of the park. This duo is ably supported by Radak and Filipovic. For Manly much will depend on the performance of strong man John Dick. He is an outstanding defender. Polonia will have problems against Sutherland and the best the home side can hope for is a draw. It is difficult to see Hall and Hughes, supported by an experienced mid-

field of DalForno, Harrington, Meades and Johnstone, go away empty handed from Chopin Park. Rockdale Ilinden is in for a feast at Hurstville Oval. The side has settled nicely and it is going to be an uphill battle for Penrith to stay in the game. Vladotorski and Jimmy Risteovski will provide the fireworks with Nastovski and Nastevski supplying the ball. At the back, Pilovski and the Wilson brothers might be just a little too strong for the goal-shy Penrith. And what about this for a derby? Wollongong Macedonia at Berkeley Sports Ground against Fairy Meadow. Macedonia has done well so far but has shown little enterprise in front of goal. Backed by the Macedonian community, the home side will meet its match in the Italian-backed Fairy Meadow.



Warringah Freshwater has signed John Deary, seen here with English club Blackpool. Back row: Colin Greenall, David Moore, Kevin Stonehouse, Billy O'Rourke, Mick Walsh, Paul Stewart, Michael Davis, Alex Dyer. Front: Bobby Downes, Phil Ferns, Steve Hetzke, Sam Ellis (manager), John Butler, Deary, Ian Britton.



Air Malta player of the year award

Leading players for the Air Malta award:

1. Farrugia (ME)
2. Filipovic (A)
3. Peil (FM), Genc (U)
4. Watt (WF), Collusso (P), Torteovski (RI), Rosano (U)

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0 WARRINGAH FRESHWATER 0 at Berkeley Sports Ground.

Macedonia: G Robinson 8, — Muhlbauer 6, Talevski 7, A Campbell 7, Sweeney 6, — Welbourne 7, Sattin 6, Gardener 6, Bingham 6. — Gradiš 6, Kikovic 6. — Green 7, Watt 8, Sterrey 6, J Bottalico 5, — Berry 6, A Bottalico 8, Garrett 7, — Walker 6, Giannone 6, J O'Rourke 7.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3 A Bottalico (F), 2 G Robinson (M), 1 D Watt (F).

MELITA EAGLES 0 KU-RING-GAI 1 (Thachuk 34th) at Melita Stadium.

Melita: Pupovac 7, — Lang 6, Wilson 8, McCoy 6, Williams 7, — Stone 6, Farrugia 8, Serbas 7, — Vial 7, Meerban 5, Callanan 6 (66th Foxman).

Ku-Ring-Gai: Lacey 8, — Keven 7, Bertram 7, Watson 7, Goldsworthy 8, — Sutherland 7, Groom 7, Quigley 7, Tkachuk 6, — Nile 7, Bass 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3 Goldsworthy (K), 2 Lacey (K), 1 Farrugia (ME).

PENRITH 3 (Easthorpe 30th, Gray 58th, C Thompson 77th) FAIRY MEADOW 2 (Berringer 36th, 94th) at Cook Park.

Penrith: Edwards 7, — Cross 7, Brogan 7, Campbell 8, Kerrigan 7m, — Quarmby 8, Gray 7 (McLeod 85th), C Thompson 7, — Hunter 7, Easthorpe 8, Shute 6.

Fairy Meadow: Krajnovic 7, White 7, Berringer 8, Kerr 7, Burleigh (10th Hobbs 6), — Peil 7, Reyes 6, W Baker 7, — Dummett 7, S Baker 7, Bell 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3 Berringer (FM), 2 Campbell (P), 1 Quarmby (P).

MANLY WARRINGAH 4 (Van Egmond 65th, 74th, Allan 40th, Marshall 89th) POLONIA 1 (Drys 15th Pen.) at Cromer Park.

Manly: Catlin 7, — Dennis 8, J Dick 7, Robin 7, Van Egmond 9, — Marshall 7, Dean 7 (Etherington 80th), Campbell 7, — Allan 8, McIntosh 6, Stuart 8.

Polonia: Zic 7, — Mahamah 7, Lasek 6, Robertson 6, Ugarkovic 6, — Collusso 6, Drys 7, (Vujnovic 79th), Geeke 8, — Pop 5, Janic 7 (Parker 79th), Druic 5.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3 Van Egmond (MW), 2 Allan (MW), 1 Stuart (MW).

URUGUAYAN AUBURN 0 AVALA 0 at Mona Park.

Uruguayan: Rosano 7, O'Donnell 8, Woods 7, Krslovic 6, Tomasic 7, — Mosquera 5, Pagano 5 (Vecchietti 69th), Cuba 8, — Van Helden 5, Genc 9, Carizzo 8.

Avala: Thurlow 8, — Blackburn 6, Attagic 6, Pena 7, Divani 6 (sent off 69th), — Blazic 6, Marjanovic 7 (Koor 45th), Jeffery 5, — Radak 7, Filipovic 8, Brankovic 7 (Cootes 79th).

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3 Genc (U), 2 Filipovic (A), 1 Thurlow (A).

SUTHERLAND 1 (Hughes 34th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 3 (Genovese 14th, Nastevski 68th, 70th) at Seymour Show Park.

Sutherland: Burckmore 6, — Nelson 5, Burrows 7, Terry 6, Seller 6, — Harrington 6, Lerond 8, DalForno 7, Johnstone 7, — Hughes 7, Hall 6.

Rockdale Ilinden: Berry 8, — G Wilson 7 (Nikolovski 76th), Pilovski 7, D Wilson 8, Rodas 7, — Torteovski 6, Darlington 6, Nastovski 6, — Nastevski 9, genovese 7, Risteovski 7 (Sprowski 85th).

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3 Nastevski (RI), 2 D Wilson (RI), 1 Lerond (SI).

Skypak State League

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELITA EAGLES	3	3	1	16	5	9
AVALA	3	3	1	8	4	9
SUTHERLAND	4	1	2	9	7	9
KU-RING-GAI	3	3	1	8	6	9
Manly Warringah	3	2	2	11	6	8
Uruguayan Aub.	2	4	1	6	8	8
Macedonia Woll.	2	3	2	4	4	7
Freshwater	3	1	3	13	14	7
Polonia	2	3	2	8	12	7
Rockdale Ilinden	2	1	4	10	13	5
Fairy Meadow	2	0	5	10	12	4
Penrith	1	0	6	8	20	2

2nd Grade results: Melita — Ku-Ring-Gai 1-0, Uruguayan — Avala 1-3, Manly — Polonia 3-4, Sutherland — Rockdale 5-0, Macedonia — Freshwater 0-2, Penrith — Fairy Meadow 9-1.

Recruit from Blackpool

Warringah Freshwater is about to go shopping yet again following its draw with Macedonia Wollongong at Berkeley Sports Ground. John Deary of Blackpool is about to join Freshwater, recommended by none other than Allan Ball, ex Arsenal and England.

The club's effort to succeed is not matched by its players, unfortunately. Domenic Gianone kept crossing behind the goal while Barry Walker took a day off.

But the return of Garrett, some good performances by Watt, O'Rourke and Bottalico showed the way but none sufficient to subdue Macedonia. As for the home side, top points go to Geoff Robinson in goal. He made the difference between one point or no points at all.

Lacey stars

Goalkeeper Andrew Lacey was at his brilliant best to deny Melita Eagles at Melita Stadium.

The Ku-Ring-Gai youngster gave notice of what was in store for Melita with a fine save in the 18th from Ray Farrugia, but his save in the 28th was one of the best seen at the ground.

Farrugia sent a vicious drive through a crowded area with Lacey able to see the ball only at the very last moment. An amazing save followed, with Lacey tipping the ball over for a corner.

Farrugia tried yet again in the 60th only to see the same result. Three minutes later and this time Lenny Vial saw Lacey parry his shot but only to the feet of Birol Serbas. Also, Lacey was on the spot to save from Serbas also.

Two more saves followed, from Jemal Meerban in the 80th and John Foxman in the 82nd. In the end Lacey was beaten by Farrugia in the 89th, but this time the ball rolled past the post.

Peter Tkachuk, Ku-Ring-Gai's defender, decided the issue after an unfortunate error by Melita's defence. Greg McCoy's attempted back pass went wide and Tkachuk and Pupovac gave chase with Tkachuk just that much quicker.



Latko Naskevski

scoring for Ku-Ring-Gai in the 34th.

Easthorpe back

Randall Easthorpe who was prominent in Penrith's line-up in the NSL, was missing due to injury for most of the first six rounds, with the result that Penrith suffered six straight defeats.

His return to Cook Park lifted the home side, and his opening goal certainly helped things along. A cross by Ian Hunter was met by Easthorpe to give the locals the lead after 30 minutes.

Larry Berringer replied with an opportunistic goal from a goalmouth scramble in the 36th, then came a penalty which would have seen the visitors in front, but for a fine save by Edwards from Steve Baker in the 71st.

Meadow paid dearly for that miss. Hector Martinez crossed for Steven Gray in the 58th to give the locals the lead, then Craig Thompson walked through a feeble defence to score another and make it 3-1.

The visitors battled hard and Larry Berringer scored again with six minutes remaining to close the gap again but that was all the side could do on the day.

Mince meat!

Manly Warringah made mince meat of Polonia at Cromer Park in one of the most one-sided games so far this year.

Gary van Egmond, an ex-APFA forward who was made fullback by the new Manly coach, was our man of the match after scoring two goals and making life miserable for Polonia's Andrzej Pop.

Jurek Drys gave Polonia an unexpected lead on the 15th minute from a penalty.

Paul Marshall missed an open goal soon after as Manly continued to dominate, then came a fine rush by Gary van Egmond in the 40th. His through ball gave Don Allan an easy opening and Zic was beaten, 1-1.

Polonia looked sharp for about 10 minutes in the second half but soon fell into a heap as Manly stormed forward.

Gary van Egmond scored a fine 15-metre goal after racing almost 40 metres.

Nine minutes later van Egmond was there again to lob the keeper and put the issue beyond doubt.

Some desperate defence by Mahamah saw the ball cleared off the line a minute later and with only 60 seconds left, Marshall made it 4-1.

Divani sent off

Led by hard-working Aytec Genc and elegant Cuba, Uruguay was always in control, peppering Avala's goal.

Peter Marjanovic, Avala's star player, was replaced at half time after an injury, while Ben Divani got his marching orders in the 69th minute.

On the credit side, Avala managed to stave off defeat with 10 players and now shares

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Leaders:
5. Filipovic, 4. Berringer (FM), 3. Baker (FM), Serbas (ME), Tkachuk (K), Nastevski (RI), Hughes (SI), 3. Corrigan, Walker (WF), van Egmond (MW), Foxman (ME), Drys (P), Van Helden (U).

the lead in the Skypak League after seven rounds.

Uruguayan has scored six goals in the last six matches, certainly good enough to remain in the top half of the table but short of the fire power needed

to enter the top four. It's up to the new goal-poachers, Perdomo and Calcaterra from Serra, who are due to arrive from Uruguay either next week or during the first week in June.

Nastevski

I hate to say it, but I told you that Sutherland was in for a shock against Rockdale Ilinden at Seymour. And I pointed out that the man who would provide the fireworks would be Zlatko Nastevski.

Zlatko Nastevski combined well with Paul Darlington to set up Tony Genovese after 14 minutes and Burckmore was beaten, 0-1.

Ilinden suffered a setback in the 34th after Scott Hughes equalised. Greg Lerond, Sutherland's best player, made the break and served Hughes to perfection.

Slowly but surely Ilinden's midfield took charge and with 22 minutes left Nastevski was on the spot to score.

Two minutes later Nastevski completed a double after Jimmy Risteovski made a break before cutting a cross to the feet of Nastevski to push one wide of Burckmore, 1-3.

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PROGRAMME OF MATCHES

STATE LEAGUE (Round 8) SUNDAY 25.5.86
WARRINGAH F/WATER v MELITA EAGLES, Narrabeen Fitness Camp
KU-RING-GAI v URUGUAY AUBURN, Parklands Oval
AVALA v MANLY W'GAH, Knight Park
POLOVIA v SUTHERLAND, Chopin Park
ROCKDALE ILINDEN v PENRITH CITY, Hurstville Oval
WOLLONGONG MAC v FAIRY MEADOW, Berkeley Sports Ground

II DIVISION Round 8 SATURDAY 24.5.86
S.S.C. YUGAL v BANKSTOWN LEBANON, Blick Oval
GLADESVILLE HORNSBY v CAMPBELLTOWN CITY, Pioneer Park

SUNDAY 25.5.86
NTH BANKSTOWN v CANTERBURY DIST, Potts Park
QUEENS PARK v KINGSFORD, Erskineville Oval
BLACKTOWN UTD v BATHURST 75, Francis Park
DEE WHY v ARTARMON, Dee Why Oval

III DIVISION Round 8 SATURDAY 24.5.86
ROOTY HILL v MT DRUITT TOWN, Cawarra Park
WEST UNITED v NORTH RYDE R.S.L., Harold Read Reserve
MOOREBANK v UNI N.S.W., Hammondville Oval

SUNDAY 25.5.86
BAULKHAM HILLS v CAMPBELLTOWN G, Ted Horwood Res.
GRANVILLE CHILE v BONDI MARINE, Garside Park
PORT HACKING v KING TOMISLAV, Seymour Shaw

2nd & 3rd Divisions

The second Division race is turning into a two-horse affair following Kingsford Hellenic's 2-1 win over Yugal at Kensington Oval last Saturday.

Yugal had its chances but squandered them with gay abandon while Greenway and Kinch made no mistake to keep Kingsford two points adrift of Gladesville.

The league leader continued in relentless fashion with a 3-0 win against Artarmon, with Richard Ings scoring two and Ian Dunn the other.

North Bankstown suffered a setback at Campbelltown. It was 1-1 in the 88th minute when Bankstown was awarded a penalty which it missed. Two minutes later, a penalty was awarded to the home side and Allan Fisher made no mistake from the spot. Tom Stuart netted the other for the home side while Robbie Thompson replied.

Bankstown Lebanon stopped its bad trot with a fighting 1-1 draw against Blacktown United while pre-season favourites Queens Park demolished Canterbury District 6-1.

Dee Why took the points away from Bathurst to maintain its improvement.

Queens Park 6 Canterbury 1; Lebanon 1 Blacktown 1 (Murray); Bathurst 0 Dee Why 1; Campbelltown 2 (Stein) Fishers 1 Nth Bankstown 1 (Thompson); Artarmon 0 Gladesville 3 (Ings 2, Dunn 1).

2nd Division 1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Gladesville	7	0	0	19	2	12
Kingsford	6	0	1	16	3	10
Yugal	4	0	3	11	8	8
Nth Bank.	4	0	3	11	6	8
Camp town	3	2	3	13	7	7
Bathurst	3	1	3	11	7	7
Dee Why	3	1	3	11	7	7
Artarmon	2	2	3	11	6	6
Bank Leb.	1	3	3	15	5	5
Canterbury	2	0	5	15	5	5
Black Utd	0	3	4	2	7	3
Queens Park	1	5	9	21	3	3

3rd Division
Nth Ryde 2 2 2 11 10 12
Bondi Marine 1 Liverpool 0
King Tomislav 0 Baulkham Hills 4
Campbelltown 0 Rooty Hill 1
Mt Drutt 0 West Utd 2
Uni of NSW 3 Port Hacking 4

3rd Division

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Gran Chile	5	2	0	16	8	12
Nth Ryde	5	0	2	10	5	10
Rooty Hill	3	3	1	9	8	9
Bondi Marine	3	2	2	11	8	8
Moorebank	4	0	3	9	8	8
West Utd	3	2	3	11	10	8
Baulkham	2	3	2	11	7	7
Uni	2	2	3	15	10	6
Pt Hacking	2	2	3	12	14	6
Mt Drutt	2	1	4	5	9	5
Camp town	2	0	5	4	6	4
King Tomislav	0	1	7	3	23	1

Victoria	Holland Park	4	2	2	21-15	10
	Langwarrin	3	4	1	8-4	10

Fremantle Gully	1	4	4	10	20	6
Yallourn	2	1	5	9	17	5
Prahran	1	2	5	4	11	4

RESERVES

Waverley Wander	2	2	8	15	4	8
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SCOREBOARD

Diggers Rest	2	2	2	13	12	6
Concordia	1	3	1	15	9	5
Yarra United	1	0	1	11	12	2
Oakleigh	1	0	1	4	1	1
Nth Melbourne	0	1	1	3	1	1
East Richmond	0	1	1	4	30	1

Intercity	3	2	0	19	9	8
Keller Utd	3	2	0	19	9	8
Upfield	2	2	2	12	12	6
Macedon College	3	2	0	14	10	6
R.M.I.T.	3	2	0	14	10	6
Old Paradians	2	0	3	16	14	4
Asatley	2	0	3	16	14	4
Collingwood	2	0	3	16	14	4
Cammerwell Grmr	1	1	3	12	21	3
Reservoir Eglis	1	0	4	8	25	2

Keller Utd	3	2	0	17	4	8
Old Paradians	3	2	0	13	8	6
Intercity	3	2	0	13	8	6
R.M.I.T.	3	2	0	13	8	6
Cammerwell Grmr	2	0	2	9	4	8
Asatley	1	1	2	5	3	1
Upfield	1	1	2	5	3	1
Macedon College	0	0	3	4	15	0

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE						
DIVISION 1: AN Nth Tardis 1 A.N.Z. Bank 1, reserves 1-2, Apollo United 1, Salford College 2, Dandenong City 2, Old Middle park 0, reserves 3-1, Meko Holdings 5 Essendon Trams 2, reserves 1-3, Tottenham 3 All Hinds C.W. 2 reserves 2-3						

DIVISION 2: Filmmakers Unit 3 Foglar Furlan 1, reserves 0-0, Rowville 2, Tottenham 2, reserves 3-3, SL Bernard's 4, 4 Northcote United 2, 5, Tazation United 1 New Deal 2, reserves 3-3						
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DIVISION 3 EAST: Dallas United 0 Bowler Scott 1, Ferris United 0 N.T.X. SL Helona 2, Keeley Kings 4 Swinburne 1, Salford College 2 Dandenong City 6, The Age 1 Whiteless 6						
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DIVISION 3 WEST: Footscray Stars 1 Apollo United 1, Footscray United 3 Keller Old Boys 2, RAAF College 5 West Melbourne 0, SL Albans Dynamo 0 Highpoint 0, SL Albans Wands 7 Deer Park 0						
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DIVISION 4: Creswick Town 2 Embassy Taxil 1, Hallmark Inns 1 Asset 1, Latrobe 4 Nipponese 0, Oakleigh City 1 Garden City 1, Sunbury 1 Kings Pk Heights 3						
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DIV 1						
Meko Holdings	W	4	0	1	3	8
All Hinds C.W.	4	0	1	3	8	8
Glenroy Dax Utd	1	1	1	9	7	7
Highpoint	2	1	1	9	7	7
Latrobe	2	1	1	9	7	7
All Nth Tardis	1	3	1	13	21	3
Apollo United	1	4	1	11	12	4
Rowville Trams	1	3	1	13	21	3
A.N.Z. Bank	1	1	3	12	23	3
T.A.A.	0	1	4	6	17	1

DIV 1 RESERVES						
Glenroy Dax Utd	4	0	1	19	8	8
All Nth Tardis	3	1	1	11	7	7
Middle Park	3	1	1	10	13	7
Essendon Trams	3	1	1	10	13	7
T.A.A.	2	0	2	17	13	7
All Hinds C.W.	3	0	2	13	15	6
Tottenham	1	2	2	12	18	4
Latrobe United	1	2	2	15	12	4
Meko Holdings	1	0	4	15	25	2
A.N.Z. Bank	0	1	4	8	21	1

DIV 2						
Foglar Furlan	4	0	1	23	6	8
Latrobe	3	1	1	2	1	2
Preston Pythons	2	0	1	11	5	6
Nth Melbourne	2	0	1	12	12	5
Amicron	2	0	2	10	9	8
Kew Deal	3	0	2	10	9	8
Rowville United	1	1	3	7	11	3
SL Bernard's O.C.	1	0	3	6	20	2
Tazation United	1	0	3	6	20	2

DIV 2 RESERVES						
Preston Pythons	3	0	1	18	7	8
Filmmakers Unit	3	0	1	18	7	8
Rowville United	2	2	2	16	9	6
Kew Deal	2	2	2	16	9	6
Nth Melbourne	2	1	1	14	7	8
SL Bernard's O.C.	2	2	2	16	9	6
Tazation United	1	1	3	7	21	3
Amicron	0	2	2	15	12	4
Foglar Furlan	0	0	5	5	22	0

DIV 3 EAST						
Bowler Scott	4	1	0	15	7	9
Dallas United	4	0	1	26	8	8
Whiteless	3	0	2	10	9	8
Ferris United	3	0	1	12	4	7
Keeley Kings	3	0	1	12	4	7
N.T.X. SL Helona	2	1	2	16	14	5
Dandenong Cador	1	1	3	11	21	3
The Age	1	0	4	7	19	2
Swinburne	1	0	4	7	19	2
Salestian College	0	0	5	6	27	0

DIV 3 WEST						
SL Albans Dynamo	3	0	2	24	2	8
Keller Old Boys	2	0	1	17	10	8
RAAF College	2	0	1	17	10	8
Footscray United	3	1	1	13	5	7
Highpoint	3	1	1	13	5	7
SL Albans Wands	2	1	2	13	5	7
Deer Park	2	0	2	16	17	4
Footscray Stars	1	1	1	6	21	3
Albion Heights	4	0	6	23	3	1
West Footscray	0	0	5	5	39	0

DIV 4						
Kings Pk Heights	4	1	0	15	6	9
Hallmark Inns	2	0	1	11	5	6
Garden City	2	0	1	11	5	6
Latrobe	2	2	1	16	11	6
Asset	1	4	0	8	6	5
Oakleigh City	2	0	2	11	4	7
Creswick Town	2	0	3	12	11	4
Embassy Taxil	1	2	0	10	14	0
Nipponese	2	2	3	9	11	4
Swinburne	0	0	5	4	12	0

VIC. AMATEUR ASSOC.						
DIVISION ONE: L.E.T. v Dandy Olympic 2-0, Northern Star v Children Sports Club 1-2, P. Melbourne v Ericsson 0-1, Watsons Heights v Lames 0-3, Westall Timorosa v Burnley 2-5, Prishiba v Sunshine 0-2						

DIV. ONE TABLE						
Lames	5	0	1	23	7	11
Prishiba	5	0	1	18	4	10
Children Sports	1	1	1	14	9	8
L.E.T.	4	2	0	20	8	8
Dandy Olympic	2	2	1	13	12	4
Northern Star	3	0	3	18	16	8
Ericsson	2	2	3	9	11	4
Sunshine IASC	2	4	0	11	14	4

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SL Albans Dynamo	3	0	2	24	2	8
Keller Old Boys	2	0	1	17	10	8
RAAF College	2	0	1	17	10	8
Footscray United	3	1	1	13	5	7
Highpoint	3	1	1	13	5	7
SL Albans Wands	2	1	2	13	5	7
Deer Park	2	0	2	16	17	4
Footscray Stars	1	1	1	6	21	3
Albion Heights	4	0	6	23	3	1
West Footscray	0	0	5	5	39	0

DIV. TWO TABLE						
Westall Timorosa	4	1	0	16	5	8
P. Preston	3	1	2	14	7	8
L.E.T.	3	1	2	11	5	8
Dandy Olympic	3	1	1	11	5	8
Lames	4	1	1	10	7	7
Children Sports	3	2	1	16	17	4
Prishiba	3	0	3	14	13	6
Nth Fitzroy M.T.A.	2	3	0	17	15	4
Sunshine IASC	1	2	8	9	4	0
Northern Star	0	5	0	18	19	1
Ericsson	8	5	0	26	2	0

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION						
Greenborough	5	0	0	41	2	10
Nth Dandenong	5	0	0	31	1	10
Nunawading	3	1	1	19	14	7
Suburbs	2	0	2	8	5	6
Footscray	3	2	0	18	12	6
Mossfield	2	3	0	13	15	4
Sunbury	1	0	2	13	19	10
Greenborough B	0	4	1	22	7	1
Melbourne Utd	0	3	0	1	9	0
Monash Utd	0	4	0	37	8	0

THIRDS COMPETITION						
Round 7: Dandenong City 6 Sandringham 2, Clayton 2 Moorabbin 0, Greensborough 1, Salford College 2, Moorabbin City 6, Fernside Gully 1, Nunawading City 2, Monash Utd 1, Eltham 0 Doncaster 7						

DIVISION 3 EAST: Dallas United 0 Bowler Scott 1, Ferris United 0 N.T.X. SL Helona 2, Keeley Kings 4 Swinburne 1, Salford College 2 Dandenong City 6, The Age 1 Whiteless 6						
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DIVISION 3 WEST: Footscray Stars 1 Apollo United 1, Footscray United 3 Keller Old Boys 2, RAAF College 5 West Melbourne 0, SL Albans Dynamo 0 Highpoint 0, SL Albans Wands 7 Deer Park 0						
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DIVISION 4: Creswick Town 2 Embassy Taxil 1, Hallmark Inns 1 Asset 1, Latrobe 4 Nipponese 0, Oakleigh City 1 Garden City 1, Sunbury 1 Kings Pk Heights 3						
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DIV 1						
Meko Holdings	W	4	0	1	3	8
All Hinds C.W.	4	0	1	3	8	8
Glenroy Dax Utd	1	1	1	9	7	7
Highpoint	2	1	1	9	7	7
Latrobe	2	1	1	9	7	7
All Nth Tardis	1	3	1	13	21	3
Apollo United	1	4	1	11	12	4
Rowville Trams	1	3	1	13	21	3
A.N.Z. Bank	1	1	3	12	23	3
T.A.A.	0	1	4	6	17	1

DIV 1 RESERVES						
Glenroy Dax Utd	4	0	1	19	8	8
All Nth Tardis	3	1	1	11	7	7
Middle Park	3	1	1	10	13	7
Essendon Trams	3	1	1	10	13	7
T.A.A.	2	0	2	17	13	7
All Hinds C.W.	3	0	2	13	15	6
Tottenham	1	2	2	12	18	4
Latrobe United	1	2	2	15	12	4
Meko Holdings	1	0	4	15	25	2
A.N.Z. Bank	0	1	4	8	21	1

DIV 2						
Foglar Furlan	4	0	1	23	6	8
Latrobe	3	1	1	2	1	2
Preston Pythons	2	0	1	11	5	6
Nth Melbourne	2	0	1	12	12	5
Amicron	2	0	2	10	9	8
Kew Deal	3	0	2	10	9	8
Rowville United	1	1	3	7	11	3
SL Bernard's O.C.	1	0	3	6	20	2
Tazation United	1	0	3	6	20	2

DIV 2 RESERVES						
Preston Pythons	3	0	1	18	7	8
Filmmakers Unit	3	0	1	18	7	8
Rowville United	2	2	2	16	9	6
Kew Deal	2	2	2	16	9	6
Nth Melbourne	2	1	1	14	7	8
SL Bernard's O.C.	2	2	2	16	9	6
Tazation United	1	1	3	7	21	3
Amicron	0	2	2	15	12	4
Foglar Furlan	0	0	5	5	22	0

DIV 3 EAST						
Bowler Scott	4	1	0	15	7	9
Dallas United	4	0	1	26	8	8
Whiteless	3	0	2	10	9	8
Ferris United	3	0	1	12	4	7
Keeley Kings	3	0	1	12	4	7
N.T.X. SL Helona	2	1	2	16	14	5
Dandenong Cador	1	1	3	11	21	3
The Age	1	0	4	7	19	2
Swinburne	1	0	4	7	19	2
Salestian College	0	0	5	6	27	0

Fogolar Furlan ..	4	0	1	23	6	8
Fibre-makers Ltd	3	1	0	12	2	7

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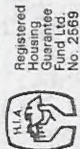
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